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III.

NOTES ON THOUGHTS OF PRIDE AND OTHER DEFECTS¹

1 - 4 FEBRUARY (*Year uncertain*)

I am writing for the greater glory of God, in obedience. I pray that the Lord may make me write with all simplicity what he wishes me to write, so that he (*spiritual director*) who acts on His behalf may come to know my inner dispositions and my behaviour.

¹ In Bartolomea's script, the vowels in italian *a, e, i, o, u* are replaced by numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, a habit which Venerable Bartolomea sometimes uses in other writings on her conscience, so that only her Confessor, who had the key to the reading, could understand.

It must be kept in mind that, strictly speaking, these are not defects but rather temptations overcome with generosity by Bartolomea, and so they point to real acts of virtue.

FEBRUARY 1

A few thoughts of pride crossed my mind, but Our Lord in his charity made them vanish at once. My prayer was rather troubled. Today I have been calm in spirit. Our Lord helped me much, and I had no other cross except a worse stomach ache, and the anxiety of having several relatives sick.

2.

I was in rather low spirits without a real reason, maybe because of my stomach ache. I prayed with much difficulty and for a good part of the day I had to struggle against feelings of dejection.

3.

Today I was more calm. I carried on with my work cheerfully. I had some thoughts of self-complacency; when I thought over some words I had said, I felt they were worthy of praise. Our Lord has presented me with a cross, but I'm not sure if I have availed myself fully of it.

4.

Today I was very calm and quiet. In a certain situation I had to go against my self-love. Several times Our Lord made me feel that he was with me, and by his charity he made my burden much lighter.

YEAR 1825 - JANUARY 6

Thursday

I imagined that others would say that I am clever. I was gratified when two priests saw me with a very virtuous young girl. I was anxious to explain the reason for turning up late for the Sodality meeting, though no-one asked me to do so. I was gratified to assist at the Catechism session. I was pleased with myself when I addressed a lady very politely. 5¹.

Friday 7

I imagined that a person spoke well of me. I expressed a desire for a good thing in order to be praised for it. I thought of myself as a fairly humble person. I considered myself to be virtuous.

Saturday 8

I was sorry that a person came to know of a mistake I made. I considered myself to be virtuous because my Confessor assigned me many spiritual Communions. I imagined that some persons had spoken well of me. 3.

¹ This and the following figures put at the end of the list of defects indicate the number of defects committed on that day.

Sunday 9

I felt sure that a person would think highly of me because I spoke to her in a subdued voice. I was praised just a little, but it came several times in mind. I told a person something from which it would become clear why I was late for the Sodality meeting, and I stayed at the back not to appear negligent before everyone. I had again a thought of writing my own life-story. I did not carry out what my Confessor told me with regard to humility, though a few opportunities to do so came my way. 5.

Monday 10

I found it hard to say a few words that partly showed my pride. A word of praise given me came back to mind. I said that a distinguished person had come to visit me, in order to impress others about myself. 3.

Tuesday 11

I failed to avail myself of a few opportunities to do what I was told relating to humility. I imagined that I was the first to practise a good thing. I was gratified at being praised a little. 3.

Wednesday 12

I was happy to see in a grand house something that was like what there is in mine. I was happy to see that many like me. I supposed that someone would speak well of me. 3.

Thursday 13

I considered myself kinder than another person. I showed my hurt feelings over a matter. I felt a certain annoyance at having to note these thoughts. I did not like it when a girl at all addressed me in a too familiar way. 4.

Friday 14

I held obstinately to my own opinion with a person superior to me because I wanted to have my way. When I heard a word of praise, instead of being sorry for it, I laughed. I told a person to say something to someone else so that they might afterwards speak well of me. 3.

Saturday 15

I tried to keep to myself something that would have made others lose their esteem for me. I refused to comply with a person in a reasonable thing. I was a bit harsh in my speech.

I imagined that others hold me in high esteem. I did not practise what my Confessor set me with regard to humility. 5.

Sunday 16

I considered myself equal to a Saint in certain things. I was pleased when they assigned more girls to my Catechism class; I would have been unhappy if they had entrusted them to another Teacher. I let slip a few opportunities to practise what my Confessor instructed me with regard to humility. 3.

Monday 17

I imagined it was thanks to me that another person did a good deed. I made a show of being familiar with spiritual things. When I was reproached for something I tried to prove myself right by telling another person of it. I showed a person a thing I had made. 4.

Tuesday 18

I was sorry I could not write properly a thing that had to be made public. I was anxious at being unable to answer a question made to me and I took a long time thinking it over till I could give an answer to my own satisfaction. I did not like it when another girl was praised because I expected all the praise for myself. I felt important because a person asked for my advice. 4.

Wednesday 19

I held obstinately to my view with persons superior to me. I would have liked it if other persons came to know that I did not do anything to keep me warm. I spoke sharply. I felt proud when a person saw me teaching young girls. I was gratified to hear that I had written a letter well. 5.

Thursday 20

I justified my behaviour twice, one of them a bit passionately. I imagined that the Nuns' Confessor would hold me in high regard because I always receive Holy Communion from his hands. I showed some reluctance in complying with my parents' wish in doing something. I thought of making an act of dependence in one thing so that I may appear dependent in everything. 5.

Friday 21

A certain person told me I was a Nun, and I was gratified to hear it because I gathered that my behaviour was well-liked. When I heard someone say that we are rich I was pleased. A sick person asked for my prayers and this made me think that I am virtuous. I did not like it when two persons saw me have supper because the meal was poor. 4.

Saturday 22

I felt as if I did something extraordinary to acquire holy humility. I showed something I had made, expecting to be praised for it. While I sang I thought that those who heard me singing would think that I sang because I was calm and happy. I thought that a person to whom I had sent a letter would surely find it done well and with much feeling. 4.

Sunday 23

I refused to comply with a person's wish in a harmless thing. I expected a person to invite me to a discussion. On one occasion I tried to hide from view an ornament I wore. I let slip an opportunity to practise what my spiritual Director recommended. I used some harsh words in my talk. 5.

Monday 24

When a nun asked me if I was still receiving Holy Communion I replied: Up to now, yes. I wished I could avoid taking an active part in the Sodality, just because I don't like to be criticized. I wished to be the richest, most respectable etc. of all. I felt unhappy that my parents are of a low social status. I was a bit arrogant in expressing my view. 5.

Tuesday 25

Seeing that some girls like me very much, I imagined that they do so because they and I with them think I am gentle. I prayed to the Lord to let me suffer but ... but I am unable to bear anything. I was not displeased at a little praise given me. Besides, I must confess that every time I read the life of saints and about their virtues, there always comes the thought that I am equally virtuous: so too when I read about the opinion others had of their saintly life, it seems to me that others have the same idea of me, too, to such an extent that even these two days that I did not receive Holy Communion, I have imagined that others will think it is because of some holy purpose such as an act of mortification, a very delicate conscience, etc. Even the concern that my Confessor has for my soul, I attribute to some merit of mine.

Wednesday 26

When I arrived late for the sermon and was almost reproached by another person, I brought at once a lame excuse. I was gratified to hear two persons speak highly of me. As they told me that they had been talking about me, I presumed they had spoken well of me. I imagined that if someone were to write my life they would mention that I was patient. 4.

Thursday 27

Today, it seems to me, there was no danger of indulging in pride as I have spent the whole day in practices of piety; nevertheless I did have a thought of pride even today, and it is this: it seemed to me that I have spent a good long time in church.

Friday 28

I was curious to know what they said about our singing, and when I heard that some liked it, I was gratified. I was also pleased with myself when a person saw me returning from church after our Sodality meeting. I put some books on my table so that those who saw them might presume that I read a lot and that I have good books. I spoke with feigned humility. 4.

Saturday 29

I said some words from which they would understand that I had done a good deed. There came back to mind a word of praise I had received, due to my hypocrisy. I was happy to hear words of praise said of me, though they were just for fun. I said that two girls find me awe-inspiring. 4.

Sunday 30

I was taught a thing one way but I preferred to do it another way because it was not correct. I was gratified when a person saw me doing an act of charity towards a girl. I presumed that a person held me in high esteem and spoke well of me. 3.

Monday 31

I considered myself a fervent person. I excused myself on two occasions. I took the place of honour of my own accord, on my visit to a sick person, instead of leaving it for my companion. I said a few words with feigned humility. 4.

FEBRUARY - 1825

Thursday 1

I have been for a little while in a rather bad mood. I considered myself quietly absorbed in thought. After reading out in the presence of a priest, I imagined he would think I read well. I called back to mind words of praise about me said among some persons.

Wednesday 2

In my talk I said some words that made others come to know of something good I had done; in that way I confirmed certain things said in appreciation of me. I had a desire to know what others said of my way of proclaiming the Antiphons at the Sodality meeting: I presumed they would say that, sure enough, I had done them well, without any mistakes. When some girls talked well, I thought those who heard them would give the credit to me because they had been taught by me.

Thursday 3

I held obstinately to my opinion. I felt important because a respectable person shows concern for me, and I also told others that the person had come to see me at home.

Friday 4

I considered my family richer than it actually is. I spoke harshly. I excused myself. In church I was outwardly devout but much less internally.

Saturday 5

I said I had done a good deed while I was being told to do it. I gave a paper of this kind to my Confessor very reluctantly. I did not sit down while waiting for my turn to go to Confession in order to appear more devout than the others. I nearly made others understand an act of self-denial I had made. I imagined my Confessor would think that I am obedient because I did not go for Confession till he told me to.

Sunday 6

I was glad a teacher was absent for the Catechism disputation, in order to be in-charge myself. Not to admit that I was wrong, I presumed that the others had made a mistake in the recitation of the Antiphon. I was glad that a priest did not see me doing a thing in a stupid manner. I excused myself once.

Monday 7

I excused myself twice. I held obstinately to my opinion. I did not tell that I had lost a handkerchief, in order to avoid a

scolding. I did not like it when a person used a too familiar way in addressing my mother. I was gratified to hear them saying that I am a reserved person.

Tuesday 8

I was gratified to be addressed 'lady'. I wanted to be the only one to speak. I was not at all sorry that I was spoken of highly; in fact, I added a few more things the same person had praised me for. I presumed that a friend of mine thought highly of me.

Wednesday 9

I wished my father had been employed at some public Administration Office. I was gratified to hear that a friend of mine devoted more time to sleep than I do. I was glad that others understood that I was not the one to do a thing quite badly.

Thursday 10

I listened with pleasure words in praise of me. I was rather gratified to be seen doing good. I said a few words in praise of myself. I excused myself.

Friday 11

I was a bit rough in my talk in dealing with the girls. I considered myself more virtuous than another person because she cannot handle an initiative of piety. I was gratified at being observed by a man while I was carrying out an act of kindness.

Saturday 12

I imagined that the change for the better that has come about in a certain girl will be attributed by others to her friendship with me. I took delight in a thing I had done because it seemed to me very well done and worthy of some praise. On hearing that a certain person is very affectionate to another because of her goodness-of-heart, I supposed that she would love me and consider me equally good, if I too were close to her.

Sunday 13

I was sick that day, and so I did not feel like writing. For the next eight days I was in bed, unable to write anything. From Monday till Saturday I could not write either, partly because I didn't feel like it, partly for sheer laziness and partly for pride, as it seemed to me a good excuse for keeping my defects to myself.

Saturday 26

I held obstinately to my own opinion. I told various persons that this morning I had been to many Masses. I have had a favourable opinion of myself.

Sunday 27

I was gratified to hear someone say that I do not give trouble to my Parents. I told others, with a certain amount of satisfaction, what time I go to bed, so that they may know that I don't stay long in bed. When my parents were talking among themselves, I thought they might be speaking well of me.

Monday 28

I tried to excuse myself. I have thought my parents might have praised me for helping in the house. During supper I thought that if my Confessor saw me he would say that I was doing what he had suggested as an act of self-denial. As I was coming out of a house I imagined that the owner of the house would speak highly of me with a person, from outside Lovere, who was there with her.

MARCH - 1825

Thursday 1

I said I would be glad to die young, so that people might think that I had a tranquil conscience. When it was remarked that I had got up a bit late from bed this morning, I tried to find a reason to justify it. I imagined that certain persons had a favourable opinion of me.

Wednesday 2

I said various words in praise of myself. I was also gratified to hear that a certain person had a favourable opinion of me. I considered myself more gentle-and-kind than another person.

Thursday 3

I considered myself as clever as another person. I repeated a thing that was said to me that put me in a bright light. I also said some other words in praise of myself. I wished my Confessor would come to know of a pious practice that I do.

Friday 4

I did not feel like writing these thoughts. Besides being reluctant I was also negligent: in fact, I left two days pass by without noting them down and so I cannot remember them now.

Saturday 5

In Church I was devout more on the outside than inside. For my own satisfaction I said it was I that had done a certain thing, when they were praising it. I excused myself. In my conversation I said words in praise of myself. I was tempted not to show this paper to my Confessor if he does not ask for it.

Sunday 6

I was sorry to come out of the church early just because others might notice it and find fault. I wanted to have my way in an argument. I considered myself good at a certain thing. When a respectable person treated me with courteous manners I spoke of it with another person so that she may know that I am treated well by highly-respected persons as well.

Monday 7

I excused myself in a certain matter. I was several times tempted to cancel a thought of pride written on this paper

because I felt ashamed to present it to my Confessor. I was obstinate in a thing. I liked it when I went to a place in the company of a highly-respected person.

Tuesday 8

I excused myself in one thing. I put on a devout demeanour in Church because I thought a 'religious' person was observing me. Not to be scolded I hid a handkerchief that was a bit burnt. I said that I was detached from the things of this world.

Wednesday 9

I imagined that my Confessor told someone, in my absence, how many ejaculations I say and how many spiritual holy Communions I make every day. I excused myself. I uttered a few words of feigned humility. I imagined I had done some good these days. I imagined that a certain person would be edified by me, because this person corrected me and I received the correction gladly.

Thursday 10

I imagined that a person, who had noticed an act of self-denial I had made, would mention it to someone else. I was

gratified at being praised. I posed as a Teacher of spirituality. I supposed that Fr Verzi¹ had a high opinion of me.

Friday 11

I accepted the opinion of someone else merely not to be considered obstinate. I was gratified at being seen in the company of a virtuous, respectable lady. I had the impression of having done something special for the Lord. I wanted to have my own way instead of complying with what was offered to me.

Saturday 12

I said that when I write, if I make mistakes I leave them as they are, so that others may say I do it out of humility. I was gratified at being addressed as 'Madam'. I did not readily comply with the wishes of others. I said several words in praise of myself. I said words with feigned humility.

Sunday 13

I was very negligent in writing these ugly things, and I was also tempted to burn this paper. I was gratified to hear that a certain person inquired after me. I put down a few other

¹ Rector of the Seminary of Lovere.

girls to attribute honour to myself. I was gratified to hear someone else saying that I am virtuous - the thought of it now makes me laugh at myself!

Monday 14

I imagined that two persons would say that I am keen on keeping my word. I seem to have done great things just because I helped in the house. I said words in order to get all the credit for it. I showed an article I had done to be praised for it. I held obstinately to my opinion.

Tuesday 15

I gave many reasons to show that I was not to blame for a certain thing. I seemed to have written out a paper very well and was gratified by it. I have been rather harsh in my speech, not eager to comply with the wishes of others. On being set something that did me credit, I derived pleasure from it.

Wednesday 16

I excused myself insisently. I said several words in praise of myself. It seemed to me that I had done a thing well and fast, and I wished others to notice it. I had a high idea of myself.

Thursday 17

I expressed disappointment at my failure to do one thing as I wanted. I excused myself when rebuked. I said various words in praise of myself.

Friday 18

I mentioned an act of virtue to a person. I let others see me doing a thing in order to be praised for it, and also said a word, expecting praise for it. I flattered myself with having a nice handkerchief. I was rather harsh in speaking.

Saturday 19

I considered myself humbler than another person. I was gratified to hear words of admiration at some needlework I had done and wished that others might see it. I waited to see if a person would address me with deference or not. I showed off. I was not ready to comply with the wishes of others.

Sunday 20

I was gratified to hear others saying that I had been long in church. I felt important when I was received well at a house; on leaving the house I also imagined the lady of the house would speak well of me. For fear of being rebuked I covered up a mistake I had made.

Monday 21

I was negligent in noting down these thoughts, just to keep my pride hidden. I made fun of a person who is simple and equally kind-hearted. I was gratified to hear others say that I am kind, and this praise came back to mind several times. I held obstinately to my opinion with a person older to me.

Tuesday 22

I was happy to be seen in Church by various persons at an unusual hour of the day. In my talk I mentioned things that did me credit. It seemed to me that I was much humbler than another person. I said a few words of a 'fake' humility.

Wednesday 23

I expressed to my Confessor a greater readiness to do certain things than I really had. Several times there came to mind a word of praise said of me even though I did not deserve it at all. I felt proud of a thing I thought was well done, and expected praise for it. I excused myself.

Thursday 24

I was not quite happy at being corrected. It seemed to me that I had been clever at writing out a booklet.

I was gratified at being seen while busy doing an act of charity, and I imagined that the person who saw me might also relate it at his home. I said words of humility that smacked of covered-up pride. When I related at home the sermon delivered in church, I imagined they might say that I was clever at it.

Friday 25

I expected a person to whom I had sent a letter to find it well-written. I remained out of sight, listening to words of praise said of me. It seemed to me that I had sung well. While listening to a sermon I pretended I was more keenly-interested than I really was.

Saturday 26

I had too high an idea of myself. I excused myself in one thing. I seemed to have written a paper really well and so I showed it to someone else. I found it difficult to comply with the will of another person. I imagined that a person to whom I did a good turn would think highly of me. I was gratified to hear that a thing I had worked out was sought, and expected praise for it.

Sunday 27

I was gratified by praise, and I tried in various ways to enhance its merit.

Finding myself with a group of younger girls I behaved as if I were their Superior, expecting them to adjust to my will.

Monday 28

I brought up reasons to prove myself right in a certain matter. I excused myself. When someone observed that yesterday in church I moved about, I gave reasons to justify my behaviour. I wished a certain person to know of a thing I had done. I was anxious to write a fair copy of a paper because it had to be seen by various girls.

Tuesday 29

I said many words in praise of myself, and many others with feigned humility. I complied with the will of others much against my will. Though I felt no devotion inside, I tried to look very devout not to cut a bad figure. I rated myself very highly, considering myself very kind.

Wednesday 30

I fancied that the Nuns will sing worse because I am not there to help them. I said many words in praise of myself. I

excused myself. I spoke words of feigned humility. I was very harsh with my Sister. I was obstinate.

Thursday 31

To give a good idea of myself, I told a person that if I could, I would give away everything in charity. I spoke words of feigned humility. I considered myself better than another person. I repeated to another person what someone else had said to my credit. I was a tiny bit glad that a certain person saw me engaged in a work of charity.

APRIL - 1825

Friday 1

I felt 'important'. I was pleased to have a girl recommended to me. I was gratified to hear that they had spoken about me. I spoke of a certain thing which showed me in a favourable light. I imagined that two persons might speak well of me.

Saturday 2

Several times I waited to see if certain persons would address my father in a deferential manner. I expected my Parents to praise me for a thing I had done. I felt as if I had done much after lending a hand in the housework. I omitted a thing only out of fear of being held in low esteem.

Sunday 3

I showed an article I had made to receive praise for it. I said various words to do myself credit. I did not show due respect towards a very good person. I made a bit too much of my supposed virtues. I was gratified at being asked my advice by a person.

Monday 4

I was gratified to hear that a poor person held me in high regard. I behaved as if I agreed with what was said in an argument so that those who were really competent might admire me for it. I put on the air of a '*learned person*' correcting where I had no business to do so. I was a bit upset by a setback. I said it was easy to do a certain thing so that they might conclude that I did it habitually.

Tuesday 5

I spoke of a good thing I had done, expecting praise for it. I insisted on my view instead of complying with someone else's, in a thing that did not really matter in itself. I mentioned something that could win me praise; I did not let a person show a thing I had prepared so that she might think that I am humble. I imagined myself more virtuous than my Sister.

Wednesday 6

I was a bit displeased when a person addressed my mother without the customary politeness, because she was poor. I excused myself. I was tempted to get the credit for a grace that God grants me. It seemed to me I had done a thing well and expected to receive praise for it.

Thursday 7

I was a bit gratified over some works of mercy. I was pleased that a person saw something that gave to my family an air of respectability. Once I spoke harshly to my Sister. I let slip off my lips something that could win me praise.

Friday 8

I was pleased to hear talk in praise of me. I said various words of false humility. I excused myself. I was gratified at being received with much courtesy: instead of attributing it to the person's graciousness, I imagined it was because I was worthy of esteem.

Saturday 9

I held obstinately to my opinion. I did not comply with a person's wish where I could have done so. I felt sorry I could not give this paper to my Confessor promptly for fear he might think it's negligence on my part. I did my best to do a thing well in order to win praise for it.

Sunday 10

I excused myself over a certain thing. I was sorry that a person came to know something about our family because it

dishonoured us a little. I told my Mother what a respectable person had said to me, so that she might be pleased with me. I imagined that my Father, seeing me busy doing something, would speak well of me, though what I was doing was nothing special.

Monday 11

I was sorry to cut a bad figure with a person held in high esteem. I was rather harsh. I was gratified to hear that an object I had made had been praised. I was not very respectful towards a girl. I excused myself.

Tuesday 12

I omitted a good deed for fear I might be laughed at. I mended a dress very carefully so that its owner might be satisfied by it. I tried to cover up my mistake to avoid a scolding. I missed an opportunity to make an act of humility. When girls asked me to teach them the profession of the Faith, instead of admitting that I did not know it, I pretended not to understand their request.

Wednesday 13

I was a bit jealous at seeing another person shown more regard than myself. I was sorry because a certain person preferred another girl to myself. I felt a secret pleasure when

my Mother told another person that I devoted little time to sleep. I excused myself. I felt secretly gratified to hear praise for a thing I had made.

Thursday 14

I had an opportunity to do an act of humility, but I availed myself of it only by halves. I was gratified to hear that a person required me to do a certain thing because I took it as a sign of high regard for me. I was gratified at being praised.

Friday 15

It seemed to me that I had mended a kerchief well and fast. I spoke rather harshly. I was gratified to hear that several persons held me in high regard. I spoke with feigned humility. I did not like it very much when my Mother addressed a girl with deference.

Saturday 16

I imagined I had done a thing well and expected praise for it. I spoke to my own advantage. I opposed the views of others. I imagined that a certain person considered me more virtuous than another person.

Sunday 17

I was tempted to think highly of myself. I seemed to have sanctified the day in the proper way. I was tempted to feel sorry that a person had been well-received by another.

Monday 18

I interpreted in my favour one thing said to me. I availed myself of an opportunity to make an act of humility but only by halves. I showed various things to two friends of mine so that they might have a good opinion of me. I spoke in praise of myself and was gratified to hear others praising me.

Tuesday 19

I submitted myself to the will of two persons superior to me but with great difficulty, due to pride. I was gratified to be addressed with deference by a lady in the presence of two friends of mine. I felt ashamed of being seen doing a mean task. I imagined that a certain person might be edified by my devout demeanour in Church.

Wednesday 20

I spoke with a poor woman about things of devotion, to make her consider me virtuous. I was almost sorry to explain

that a thing highly praised was not done by me. I treated a person gently so that she might praise me for it. I spoke a few words in praise of myself.

Thursday 21

I have been very negligent in noting down these failings. I said various words with feigned humility. I held obstinately to my own opinion. With my boasting I made someone else appear in a darker light. I imagined to be richer than another.

Friday 22

Several times there came back to mind a word of praise I had undeservedly received. I felt sorry at being corrected in the presence of others. I excused myself. I was pleased that a friend told me to do a work of charity, which made me feel important. I have rated myself too highly.

Saturday 23

I considered myself more shrewd than someone else. I was rather sorry at having to receive a guest to our house, thinking it was not beautiful enough. I was a bit gratified at being praised. I spoke about myself for an unnecessarily length of time.

Sunday 24

In talking with a friend and writing to another I used a few words with feigned humility, I expressed greater fervour than I really had; I imagined the latter would think I'm really humble. In a gathering of girls all older to myself, I acted as their '*learned person*' saying and doing what I was not bound to.

Monday 25

I said various things to a friend so that she might have a good idea of me, and I considered myself better than she is. I excused myself for omitting something. I used refined manners with a young girl to make her think highly of me. I interpreted in my favour something said to me.

Tuesday 26

I refused to mention something which would have shown me in a dark light. I was happy when a young girl was commended to me thinking it to mean that I was much more virtuous than she is. I said a thing I had made had been poorly done, in order to 'fish for compliments'.

Wednesday 27

I was pleased to hear something said several times which gratified my pride.

It almost hurt my feelings when I was asked if I was more virtuous than my sister. I excused myself. I felt as if I had done a big thing because I had gladly done something against my own will.

Thursday 28

I have been very negligent in noting down these thoughts: for thirteen days I did not write them, but I still remember a few of them. I said to myself: If they knew what I do! Twice or three times I said various words that may have indicated humility but which were really pride.

Friday 29

I had thoughts of high regard for myself. I was gratified at telling one thing to a friend, though it was not in praise of myself. I said some words in praise of myself, and I was pleased to hear others praising me though I knew they did it to flatter me.

Saturday 30

Several times there came to mind a thing said in appreciation of me. I felt important because a certain person was courteous to me. I was not displeased to hear others praising me though I did not deserve it. The thought came to me that by observing the month of May with a few girls, I would have the appreciation of many.

MAY - 1825

Sunday 1

I showed a piece of hand work I had made, expecting praise for it. It seemed to me that a letter I had written was well done and so I am not sorry to let others read it too. I was somewhat pleased with myself for staying some time in Church. I imagined that my Confessor, on reading two papers of mine, would say that I am very good at writing so many practices in honour of Mary.

Monday 2

When the practice that came to me was not to lift my eyes, I imagined they would say that I practice it habitually anyway. I considered myself a bit more virtuous than another girl. I held on to my idea with persons superior to me.

Tuesday 3

I was gratified by a good deed I had done, and I even thought of mentioning it to another so that others may appreciate me all the more. I tried to excuse myself. I said a few words in praise of myself.

Wednesday 4

I expected praise from a thing I could do. I rated myself very highly for one thing I had done well, it seemed to me. I said I would gladly undertake to do a difficult task, because I wanted others to have a favourable opinion of me.

Thursday 5

I said plenty of words out of a feigned humility. It seemed to me I had done a lot of work in the house. Twice I excused myself. I told the reason why I had not been for the Sodality meeting.

Friday 6

I imagined that my parents had reason to be pleased with me. I tried to treat a woman well in order to give a good impression of myself. I was pleased to hear my Father addressed as 'Sir'.

Saturday 7

I felt a bit jealous when two girls were given praise that I desired for myself. I was gratified when my Father was addressed 'Sir' in the presence of another person. I had a very high opinion of myself.

Sunday 8

I was gratified to hear praise for an object I had made. I excused myself insisently. I was glad another girl was away so that I might lead the Catechism class myself. I spoke harshly to my sister.

Monday 9

I felt sorry for having laughed during the singing of the Litanies, because those who saw me might lose the high opinion I think they had of me. I considered myself more virtuous than another girl. I said some words in appreciation of myself.

Tuesday 10

I said a thing that I may be pitied. In correcting a girl I used reproachful words. I refused to finish doing a certain thing so that others might think I was in pain. I wanted others to know that I had suffered much in a certain situation.

Wednesday 11

I felt important because a few persons were very courteous to me. I did not mention a courtesy shown me by others. I concealed a thing that would have dishonoured me in

some way. I was gratified to hear that a person had a good opinion of me. I showed much patience in doing a thing because there was someone watching me.

Thursday 12

I was pleased to hear that in a certain house they cooked food less well than in ours. I made a show of my ability in doing a certain thing so that the person who ordered it might speak well of me. I found it very difficult to adapt myself to the wishes of others in a thing I like doing. I was worried that people might have seen me almost falling asleep during the sermon.

Friday 13

I said a few words of feigned humility. I imagined I was giving a good example by my devout posture in prayer. I said words (rather hotly) of pride, to excuse myself. I was gratified at being praised. I acted like a '*learned person*' correcting others though it was not my business.

Saturday 14

I was glad that two persons saw that I had got up very early, and imagined they would praise me for it. I held on obstinately to my opinion with persons 'equal' to me. I excused myself. I rated myself highly.

Sunday 15

I presumed that my Parents can rely on me. I was gratified to see that a certain person knew of a work of charity I was doing. I was gratified to know that a respectable person had spoken highly of me. I excused myself.

Monday 16

I comforted myself with the thought that I was not in the company of three girls who cut a bad figure. I spoke words of pride. I spoke harshly. I was gratified to hear that others had spoken well of me and the thought of it came back to my mind several times.

Tuesday 17

I found it difficult to refrain from mentioning something that would have presented me in a bright light. I was gratified to relate something that had happened to me because it did me credit. I excused myself when I was corrected. I revealed something to my friends, which did me much credit. I poked fun at a girl.

Wednesday 18

I imagined that a certain person must have been edified by my demeanour at prayer. I excused myself.

I said various words in praise of myself. In relating a frivolous thing done by some girls I excluded myself though in some ways I did belong to the group.

Thursday 19

I was gratified to see that many girls of our group joined the main Sodality. I felt a bit jealous in a spiritual matter, but it was all out of pride. I was a bit pleased with myself when I was praised. I found it painful to accuse myself in our meeting of my chief defect, pride.

Friday 20

I was glad that my Mother related certain things I do to a Priest, for which I imagine he would have a good idea of me. While I was speaking in the meeting about the month of May, a thought crossed my mind that they would consider me full of love of God. A few times I spoke rather harshly.

Saturday 21

While writing a letter to a friend I imagined that she would consider me humble and full of love of God. I presumed that a certain Priest would think I deserve the credit for the frequent reception of the Sacraments of two girls I had trained. I spoke various words in praise of myself.

Sunday 22

I said some words which were very much appreciated. I excused myself when I was blamed for something. I found it difficult to do a thing for fear I might be considered proud. I was sorry to be seen doing a harmless thing for fear my friend might have a poor opinion of me.

Monday 23

I felt as if I had done a big thing just because I refrained from expressing something that worried me. I was gratified at the thought that girls knew I am very devout in Church. I said I did not like a certain thing, but actually I hardly know anything about it. I excused myself insistently.

Tuesday 24

I said a few words to do myself credit. I was sorry that two persons saw my Father in shabby clothes. I spoke harshly. I held obstinately to my opinion. I said some words which partly revealed a good deed I had done.

Wednesday 25

I answered a question in a way that did me credit. Several times there came back to mind words of appreciation which I did not deserve. Not to seem obstinate I did as others wanted. I excused myself. I said a few words in self-praise.

Thursday 26

I was hurt by a wrong done to me. I said some words that turned to my credit. I was a bit sorry at something that put me in a dark light. I was upset at having cut a poor figure before a respectable person.

Friday 27

I enjoyed reading a letter, because there were many mistakes in it. I was anxious that it might be known to everyone that I was not the culprit for one thing. I spoke rather harshly. I said a few words with feigned humility.

Saturday 28

I excused myself. I was negligent in noting down these failings. I was rather harsh in my talk. I made believe that I was

a virtuous person and was gratified at being praised; I myself added words of feigned humility that I might procure greater praise.

Sunday 29

I imagined that other people think I am a virtuous person. I was gratified at my role in presiding over an event. I made fun of a 'simple' person. I spoke various words of self-praise; I related various things of what I used to do at the Monastery. I excused myself.

Monday 30

I tried to convince a friend that I was not to blame for a thing that I was accused of, to make her acknowledge that I was right. I held obstinately to my opinion. I was gratified to be observed by a Priest when I was talking to two girls about devotional matters, and I also told my people at home about it.

Tuesday 31

I had intended to say a few words in self-praise, which I did not say because the opportunity did not present itself. I excused myself insistently. It cost me a little to say a few unfavourable things about myself. I spoke with feigned humility, to be praised all the more.

JUNE - 1825

Wednesday 1

As I was reading out the Offering of our Heart to Mary, I imagined that the girls might say that I read it well and with feeling. I lay bare a main defect of a person to cover up my own. I felt I deserved praise for a deed of kindness I had done. I excused myself with some insistence. I presumed that a person would form a favourable opinion of me.

Thursday 2

I did not want to be seen wearing a cheap headkerchief, even though they were just girls. I excused myself. I related a thing which in some way did me credit. I excused myself twice. I did not want to give a person the impression of being curious. I showed no interest in a thing that was simple and equally funny, so that I might appear edifying. I was sorry that a person saw what we ate at midday, because it was plain.

Friday 3

I said a few words in praise of myself, words of feigned humility. I imagined that if I found myself in another family, my behaviour would be considered edifying.

Saturday 4

I held on to my opinion. I thought that one girl was bolder than another because she did not address me with deference. In my conversation with two girls I mentioned that at the Convent I was a teacher. I was told to sing a song, and as it came out well, I was gratified by it. As I read out before others, I stumbled over a word, and rather than admit my mistake, I said another word instead. On hearing that a certain person read out very well without getting tired I said that I did not get tired either, so that they might say that I too read out well. 6.

Sunday 5

As I was about to receive the host I thought the Priest would say: This is the one who is able to keep firm and steady in devotional practice. I imagined my Mother will speak well of me, when I shall join the Convent and say: she did not eat if I did not tell her to; she did not drink if I did not tell her to, etc. On seeing how nuns are laid out with so much ceremony for

their funeral I thought that even if I die before entering the Convent, they should reserve me the same honour, considering me as an exceptionally virtuous person. 3.

Monday 6

I considered myself better than another, because I supposed that she does not note down her thoughts as I do. I was gratified at being praised for a mere trifle. When I was scolded, I tried to justify my behaviour. 3.

Tuesday 7

In the presence of a friend of mine I spoke very gently to my sister lest I should lose my friend's esteem if she heard me say unkind words to my sister. I boasted that I am not so indiscreet as some are, who disturb others. I let a person know that I was the one that had embroidered a bag, not the other person she thought.

Wednesday 8

On my way back from Church I thought: this one (that is, I myself) is worth her weight in gold and surpasses all the other girls. Shortly after a person had said that women make many mistakes, I had to recite the Litanies and I thought within

myself: he will now say that this one is different because she makes no mistakes. I have been in a worse mood than usual.

Thursday 9

I imagined that the attendant Giacomo might speak well of me, because he sees me always receiving Holy Communion. I went very early to Church, and I was gratified at being seen by Signor Fadeotti, because he will say that I am not lazy. As we were discussing some hymns, Signor D. Giuseppe Razzini passed by: I was happy that he heard me discussing these things. When a girl was praised because she wrote well, I was gratified because she had been a pupil of mine. I have thought that my Confessor might say that I have gone in minute details in writing these thoughts. 5.

Friday 10

While I was preparing some girls for Confession, I thought that people who saw me doing it might praise me for it, and I wished some Priest might also see me carrying out this duty. Having swept the whole house I expected them to praise me for it. 2.

Saturday 11

I wished to be seen by those who were in Church tonight so that they might afterwards say that I too had been there. I put on the air of a '*learned person*' at the Sodality

meeting, talking about things outside my role. I was sorry that there were people listening to the singing, because I did not sing well. A Priest had charged a young girl with something wrong, and as the matter was mentioned I told a few friends who were with me that I had not been on the spot, so that they might conclude that the Priest could not have said it of me.

Sunday 12

As I read out before others, I imagined that those who listened would say that I read well. In conversation I mentioned something that might do me credit. Hearing a person speaking highly of another, I imagined she might have praised me. I criticized the tone of a hymn, in order to pride myself on one that I knew. 4.

Monday 13

I spoke harshly twice or three times to my Sister. I was sorry I had made few mortifications, almost more because I had to show them to my Confessor than because I had been ungrateful to my dear Jesus. I mentioned the time I get up from bed, so that they might say that I get up early. 3.

Tuesday 14

I did not want to let others know that I had got up later than usual. I was gratified to hear some persons addressing

my Parents with deference. I was in low spirits. I held on to my own opinion.

Wednesday 15

I failed to appreciate another person in my anxiety to show off. While reading the life of a Saint I considered myself equal in certain respects. I felt proud of leading the Meditation at the Sodality meeting. When I was being taught to do a thing in a certain way, I tried to justify myself for having done it in another way. 4.

Thursday 16

I spoke of some devotional practices that I used to do at the Convent. I resented a correction and excused myself as well. In teaching one thing I tried to cover up a mistake I had made. 3.

Friday 17

I did not want to say that I did not receive Holy Communion. I was gratified by praise I received for a trifle. For fear of being rebuked I did not want to say that I myself had put away the thing in question.

Saturday 18

I imagined that a certain person might have spoken highly of me at her home. I excused myself.

I preferred not to sing in Church fearing my voice would be drowned out. I was displeased that the *Veni Creator* etc. was intoned by another girl, because I wanted to preside. Several times I recalled to mind a thing I had been praised for. 5.

Sunday 19

I partly excused myself when I was reprimanded. When someone remarked that I had avoided all vanity, I confirmed it, and I took pride in it. I put on airs because I was sure I had sung well in prayer time. I imagined that people would be impressed because I did not move about in Church. I considered myself less imperfect than another girl. 5.

Monday 20

The praise I had received came back to mind several times. I imagined that after my death they will write my life. When they told me that a little girl held me in awe, I was gratified.

Tuesday 21

I imagined people might say that I am the most virtuous of all the girls who have been educated at the Convent. All the time that I read out I kept wondering what those who were listening might say about me.

I watched out to see if my mother and myself would be addressed with deference, feeling gratified if they did and disappointed if they did not. I wished we had certain furniture in high style, so that people who came to see me might be well impressed. 4.

Wednesday 22

I have felt, and still feel uneasy about submitting these thoughts to my Confessor. I was gratified at being addressed 'Madam' by two girls, and was sorry that sometimes they don't do the same with my Mother. I held on to my opinion. I did not comply with the wishes of others though there was nothing wrong in the thing itself. 4.

Here is the full account of all the thoughts of pride I know I have committed over these days. I beg of you, Reverend Father, to impose on me the punishment that their gravity deserves and to commend me to God, so that I may overcome my faults.

I am,

Your devoted and Obedient Daughter in Jesus Christ

BORTOLAMEA CAPITANIO

24 JUNE - 1825¹

Friday 24

I laughed heartily when I was reading a letter, because there were mistakes in it. I did not comply with the wishes of others where I could have done so. I was anxious to prove to a person that she was wrong and I was right. I was sure two persons would consider me very diligent in carrying out their orders.

Saturday 25

I revealed to three girls a devotion I have towards my Guardian Angel. I pretended to be sorry when I was praised, when internally I was gratified by it. I spoke in praise of myself. I was gratified at the thought that a certain person might consider me quite capable.

Sunday 26

I tried to justify my behaviour. My posture in Church was devout, but my thoughts were scattered.

¹ Bartolomea's script says 1824. But it is clearly a slip of the pen, because Wednesday the 22nd coming before Friday the 24th was in Year 1825.

I was pleased when a girl answered a catechism question correctly, because I had taught her myself.

Monday 27

I showed great uneasiness in putting on a dress, for fear of looking vain. I imagined that in certain circumstances I would be more patient than another person. I spoke a bit harshly.

Tuesday 28

I was a bit anxious to justify my behaviour. I did not easily let others have their way. I said some words in praise of myself. I had a slightly proud idea of myself. I was sorry that a Priest saw me moving about in Church, and rather drowsy.

Wednesday 29

I related what I had said to a person so that I might be praised for it. I was gratified by my own capacity to learn fast. I excused myself.

Thursday 30

I said some words in praise of myself. I was negligent in writing these thoughts on the same day. I wrote them the next day. I held obstinately to my own opinion.

JULY - 1825

Friday 1

I was self-complacent. I found it hard to let others have their way. I was sorry I had been negligent in a matter of devotion only because I had to let others know of it.

Saturday 2

I was displeased to hear my Mother addressed in a manner that did not express much respect. I said that I still had my former shoes so that they might say that I take good care of them. I wished other people might see a thing in our house that had an air of distinction about it. I was not eager to comply with the wishes of others.

Sunday 3

I was very sorry to accuse myself of certain defects. I wished to do a good thing that would make people consider me virtuous. I was glad that friends of mine noticed a good deed I had done and I explained to them difficulties I have in carrying out a rule of the Sodality out of regard for my relatives so that when I do observe it they might appreciate it all the more.

Monday 4

I was gratified by words of praise, which I did not deserve. I said various words in self-praise. I have not obeyed fully because I was busy packing my things for my journey.

Tuesday 5

This day and the following days during which I was away, I did not remember, or rather, I did not even examine myself on pride, and so I don't know what to write now. However, I will note down a few which, being more frequent, still come to mind.

I was gratified by various words of praise given me. I said many words in praise of myself, and many words of a *feigned* humility. I was happy to notice the respect a few of my companions showed towards me. I was anxious about putting up friends at my house because I was afraid of cutting a poor figure with them. I imagined that my devout demeanour in Church and in the street was edifying. I don't remember anything else about these days.

Tuesday 12

I was not sorry to be praised, and several times the praise came back to mind. I spoke with feigned humility and mentioned a thing I prided myself on. I was a bit anxious to justify my behaviour.

Wednesday 13

I did not appreciate a person very much: in fact, in one thing I laughed at her. I spoke a bit harshly to my sister, though I treated her gently when someone else was watching me. I wished my Confessor could know of a good thing I had done.

Thursday 14

I said some words in praise of myself. I was proud of certain letters I had written; I also thought that if anybody read them they would find them beautiful, and think highly of me. I was gratified to hear a woman saying that I spend much time in Church.

Friday 15

I said some words from which a good thing I had done could come to light. I thought that I could have done a thing much better than the way another person had done it. I was gratified by a word of appreciation in my regard. I was glad that a person came to know of a mortification I had made.

Saturday 16

I behaved in a patient way on an occasion, because there was someone else watching me. I praised myself. I excused myself with a certain insistence.

I imagined that a certain person might speak highly of me. I was not very agreeable towards my sister.

Sunday 17

I was gratified to understand that my Confessor knows of a thing I had done. I said that a person Superior to me would be very much concerned for me. I excused myself with insistence.

Monday 18

I did not want to go to a certain place so that people might say that I love a retired sort of life. I spoke proudly. I hesitated before doing a certain thing, though there was nothing wrong about it, because I was anxious to be considered virtuous. I imagined that a certain person is weaker than I when she is feeling out of sorts.

Tuesday 19

I excused myself insistently. I mentioned a good turn I had done to a friend. I put on airs for having done a thing I did not feel like doing. In a funny conversation I fear I may have said something not quite proper, particularly because a Priest was also there hearing what I said.

Wednesday 20

I did not introduce a relative of mine to a friend, because he was poor. I offered to explain spiritual matters as if I were a '*learned person*' who knew all about it, whereas I hardly understand it for myself. I wished my Confessor could hear me talk with a friend of mine about a good thing. I said a few words with feigned humility.

Thursday 21

A thing I did seemed to me well carried out. I was sorry that a certain person came to know of something which showed that I am curious, and I was also about to excuse myself. A few words of self-justification. I showed my reluctance to go about in the streets.

Friday 22

I was not displeased at being praised. On the contrary, I felt gratified by it. On my way to Church, with my eyes cast down, I thought people who saw me might notice me. I spoke highly of myself.

Saturday 23

I considered myself to have more polite manners than another person. I said words that could put me in a bright light.

I presumed that a certain person might have a favourable impression of me. I excused myself to a certain extent.

Sunday 24

The thought of praise previously given me came to mind again several times. I was gratified that a Priest saw my devout demeanour in Church. I explained to a person why I had not done her a good turn. Words of self-praise. I was a bit harsh in my talk.

Monday 25

I spoke of a thing I had been silent about and which, I thought, did me credit. I found it a bit difficult to do a thing that had been imposed on me. Though I had suppressed self-gratification that arose in my heart at words of praise received, they came back to mind several times. I spoke with feigned humility.

Tuesday 26

I had told a companion to justify my failing on one occasion. I held obstinately to my opinion. I thought that various persons who saw me passing by with eyes cast down might say that I am virtuous. I felt as if I had done a very virtuous act by keeping to myself a good deed I had done.

Wednesday 27

I spoke with feigned humility. I was glad that a person mentioned a moral scruple that had prevented me from doing a certain thing, thus considering me to have a delicate conscience. Words of self-praise.

Thursday 28

I did not hold on obstinately to my opinion just because I did not want others to think that I am obstinate. I was tempted to be complacent over graces God gives me, but I sought to drive away the thought at once. I felt as if I had done a thing well.

Friday 29

I excused myself slightly. On being told to do a difficult task I thought I had been chosen to do it because I was considered capable for it. I was not very displeased in a thing. I was gratified at my own thorough way of doing a thing so as not to be found fault with.

Saturday 30

I excused myself. I was gratified at being consulted over a thing. Words of self-praise.

Sunday 31

I pretended to be recollected in a place where there was a person who knew I was having my day of recollection, but in fact I was not recollected at all. I carried out a command reluctantly. I imagined that certain persons might be speaking highly of me.

AUGUST - 1825

Monday 1

I excused myself a little. I said words of a feigned humility. I showed unwillingness to go to a place so that they might say that I love to live in seclusion.

Tuesday 2

I was tempted to be gratified when a person praised me for a thing, with another person, though it was not quite true. I was sorry to fail in my duty just because other persons noticed it. I was tempted to think almost highly of myself.

Wednesday 3

I anxiously justified my shortcoming not to let others think that I am negligent. I spoke words in self-praise. I imagined that certain persons might speak well of me.

Thursday 4

I was gratified to hear a thing that did me credit. I spoke

with feigned humility. I excused myself a bit. I was glad to be shown sympathy in a thing.

Friday 5

I was tempted to be complacent over some good deeds. To cover up my mistake in a thing, I explained the reasons for doing it my own way. I presumed that a certain person had a favourable opinion of me.

Saturday 6

I excused myself several times. I was gratified that a woman who wanted to make my acquaintance saw me wearing an apron that was rather pretty. I wished a certain person could tell my Confessor about a difficulty I had met with in doing a thing, because this difficulty indicates humility. I presumed that a young girl like me.

Sunday 7

I spoke words that could do me credit in some way. I took pride in having done a good thing, but it was simply my duty.

Monday 8

I held on obstinately to my opinion. It seemed to me that I was in the right in a certain matter. Twice I was a bit harsh in speaking.

Tuesday 9

I laughed quite a lot at the way a woman recited *De Profundis (Out of the Depths)*. I was a bit gratified by words of praise said to me. I told my friends that I don't like to go to places outside Lovere so that they might say that I love seclusion.

Wednesday 10

I tried to justify my behaviour. In pointing out a thing to my sister I was rather harsh.

Thursday 11

I was almost hurt that a person had no words of appreciation for me. I tried to justify my behaviour. I said words in praise of myself and other words in a feigned humility that might fetch me praise.

Friday 12

I was obstinate in my opinion. I excused myself a little. I was rather gratified by praise given me by my Parents. I spoke with feigned humility.

Saturday 13

I was a bit glad that my Confessor came to know of a thing that did me some credit. I said words to justify my behaviour and other words in self-praise.

Sunday 14

Several times I felt complacent about graces God grants me. I said some words in self-praise.

Monday 15

This day and the next couple of days I was ill in bed. Thursday and Friday, partly because I did not feel up to it and partly for sheer laziness, I did not write down anything.

Saturday 20

I was not eager to please others. I said words in self-praise. I presumed that a kind person thought highly of me. I was a bit sorry that a person told another that we (my family) are plain, not refined in life-style.

Sunday 21

I was glad that a person came to know of a good thing I had done. Once I spoke a bit harshly. I held a bit obstinately to my opinion.

Monday 22

I spoke words in self-praise. I did not feel uneasy on hearing others praise me. I was not happy that another person should be equal to me in a thing.

Tuesday 23

I considered myself quite fervent in prayer. In scolding some girls I made myself heard by others who, I hoped would praise me for it. I gave some reasons to excuse myself for a thing I had been told to do.

Wednesday 24

I felt I was not to blame in a matter I was reprimanded for. I held rather obstinately to my opinion with a person Superior to me. I excused myself.

Thursday 25

I imagined that a respectable person might think highly of me because I myself had spoken well of several other persons. I excused myself in one thing and in another matter I insisted that I was right. In talking I was not as humble as I should be.

Friday 26

When a girl not known to me came to my house, I felt that she would like me. I supposed that other girls would be edified by something good I did, which was only my duty, after all. I did not readily comply with the wishes of others.

Saturday 27

I wished to know what a certain person had said of me, and when I came to know, I interpreted it in my favour. I was gratified by the thought that the said person knew of another thing that did me credit. I was a bit jealous because I too expected to be invited into a house.

Sunday 28

I made others understand that I had got up from bed earlier than another person. I was a bit harsh in my talk, and not very obliging. I tried to justify my behaviour.

Monday 29

I spoke a bit in self-praise. Twice I was not gentle in my manner, and once I also tried to justify my behaviour; in a matter I was not very obliging.

Tuesday 30

I almost demanded that a girl should have said a word in praise of me. I was a bit harsh in correcting a little girl. In my talk I hinted at a few things that did me credit.

Wednesday 31

I tried to justify my behaviour and also to speak highly of myself. I was sorry that my Confessor saw me looking behind me in Church.

SEPTEMBER - 1825

Thursday 1

I spoke with feigned humility. I tried to explain my behaviour, once not to be reprimanded and another time not to give the impression that I had neglected my duty. When I was told to do a thing in a certain manner, I added that I myself had in mind to do it that way.

Friday 2

I dropped a hint purposely to do myself credit. I was not sorry about words of praise given me. I imagined that two priests must have noticed my demeanour in Church, which I presume to be devout.

Saturday 3

I was a bit harsh in speaking to a person, and twice not very agreeable. I found it hard to let others have their way in little things. I was a bit gratified by words of praise.

Sunday 4

I was glad that a person heard me talking on matters that I imagined would fetch me praise. I tried to justify my behaviour twice. Words in praise of myself.

Monday 5

I did not let my sister have her way in some little things. I gave much thought to how I was to say things in a way that would do me credit. I have thought a bit well of myself.

Tuesday 6

I was a bit harsh in reproaching two girls. I said words in praise of myself. I presumed that a certain person would say that I am very prompt in doing what was asked of me. I tried to justify my behaviour.

Wednesday 7

I considered myself wiser than another girl. I was not sorry about praise given me. I excused myself. I held obstinately to my opinion.

Thursday 8

I told several persons how sorry I was for being unable to do a good thing, so that they might consider me thoughtful. I

presumed that my Confessor had a high opinion of me. I found it hard to adjust to the wishes of another person in a certain matter.

Friday 9

I excused myself with insistence. I revealed a few things about myself to two persons for which I expected appreciation. In writing a letter to a person I had never written to before, I presumed that it was well-done; I also put in it words of a feigned humility so that she might think that I am humble.

Saturday 10

I was a bit gratified that a girl told another that I sleep little. I tried to excuse myself more than once. I was gratified to hear that a priest had heard me correcting a girl, because I had done it kindly and gently.

Sunday 11

I excused myself over a matter which I had resolved not to. When I was told that a thing had not been done well, I put the blame on others so that I might not be blamed for it myself. For fear of being reprimanded, I tried to explain my behaviour.

Monday 12

I spoke with feigned humility, and said other words in self-praise. I imagined I had done a big thing just because I did not complain of a small cross. I expressed a desire for a thing more earnestly than I actually felt, in order to be admired for it.

Tuesday 13

I had thoughts of complacency about good deeds I had done. I brought out reasons to prove that I was right in a matter. I tried to justify my behaviour. I was not very humble in speaking to one superior to me.

Wednesday 14

I was not sorry for being praised; while talking with others I said a few things that showed me in a bright light. I excused myself and I was a bit harsh in speaking.

Thursday 15

I was glad to be in my best clothes on an occasion when I greeted a friend of mine, because with her there were also her relatives. I rather liked it when a certain person showed high regard for me.

Friday 16

I was rather harsh in correcting. I tried to justify myself because I did not want to appear negligent, and I also wanted others to admit that I was right. I was a bit touchy.

Saturday 17

At one time I was not very gentle in my talk. I excused myself. I presumed that a girl was edified by what I told her.

Sunday 18

I held obstinately to my opinion in a thing with a person superior to me. I was harsh in correcting a girl. I had a few thoughts of self-worth. I spoke in praise of myself.

Monday 19

I was gratified at being consulted by a girl over a matter. I spoke very gently on one occasion because I knew that there were certain persons listening to me. I excused myself.

Tuesday 20

I told a person about an act of charity I did. I said many words in self-praise and some other words with feigned humility. I was a bit harsh in speaking.

Wednesday 21

I insisted that I was right in a certain matter. In correcting a girl I was rather harsh. I was not obliging in a trifling matter. I desired some honourable role in the Sodality.

Thursday 22

I spoke of something with a friend of mine in a manner favourable to myself. I was gratified to hear that a certain person has a favourable opinion of me.

Friday 23

I was obstinate in my opinion. I excused myself with insistence. I was not very agreeable, and also a bit harsh in talking.

Saturday 24

I found it hard to let others have their way. I excused myself. I was obstinate in my opinion. I said a few words in self-praise.

Sunday 25

I was not very gentle. I excused myself for my inability to do a thing more quickly. I spoke in self-praise.

Monday 26

I was self-complacent and I also presumed that other persons might speak well of me. I showed that I am good at doing a certain thing. I spoke with *feigned* humility.

Tuesday 27

In discussing a few things about the New Testament I had the thought that another person who was there might consider me learned. I said that I had nearly finished my needlework so that they might say that I work fast. I covered up my mistake not to lose face.

Wednesday 28

I contradicted a person, and I wanted to be proved right. I wanted to impress others with my activity.

Thursday 29

I held on obstinately to my opinion in discussing something with another person.

Friday 30

I tried to excuse myself on being reprimanded. I pretended to understand something which I did not know about, for fear they might consider me stupid.

OCTOBER - 1825

Saturday 1

I was rather harsh in talking. I found it difficult to let others have their way in harmless things.

Sunday 2

I held on obstinately to my opinion, thereby displeasing others. I thought that another person would not have the same patience I have in doing a certain thing.

Monday 3

I imagined that certain persons would be sorry to leave me, because I do them good and treat them kindly. I was not very sorry when others found out about a mortification of mine.

Tuesday 4

I presumed that a certain person might speak highly of me with another person. I was not very obliging, nor courteous, either. I excused myself a little.

Wednesday 5

I held on obstinately to my opinion, contradicting others. I hinted at things to do myself credit.

Thursday 6

I was harsh in correcting, and not very agreeable in harmless things. I presumed that a certain person might think and speak highly of me.

Friday 7

I was gratified to know that a young girl was well-impressed when some persons addressed me 'Madam'. I was gentle so as not to lose the high opinion of a friend who was also there, hearing me speak.

Saturday 8

In saying a thing to my Mother I did not say it with humility. I was gratified to be greeted by an important person and I thought that it might have well impressed the friends who were with me. I excused myself with insistence.

Sunday 9

I spoke in self-praise. I imagined that certain persons might speak well of me. I was rather harsh in correcting my Sister.

Monday 10

On being reprimanded for a mistake, I gave a mild excuse. I was rough in my manner. I was not very obliging.

Tuesday 11

I was not very agreeable in a matter. I was gratified to hear that I am patient.

Wednesday 12

I said words in self-praise. I was not very gentle in correcting. I covered up certain defects that I have, not to seem bad.

Thursday 13

In relating the defects of my childhood I tried to excuse them saying that I had no malice. Words of appreciation came back to mind.

Friday 14

I found it hard to let others have their way in a matter. I was not very gentle.

Saturday 15

I was not agreeable in two things; I was a bit harsh in correcting.

Sunday 16

I refused to obey my Sister in a matter; on my part, I was not very gentle in warning her about certain things.

Monday 17

I asked a person at what time she had gone to rest, by which I wanted to see if she had slept more than I or maybe less. I imagined that a certain person might say that I read Latin well.

Tuesday 18

I wished a person would say at her own house what she had been told by another person.

Wednesday 19

I would have wished certain persons to have seen some samples of my handwork, because I think they were well done.

Thursday 20

I did not want anyone to know a thing that discredited me. I was greatly gratified to hear words of praise.

Friday 21

I was happy that a friend of mine saw me coming out of the church at an unusual hour. I tried to explain a bit why I had failed to do a thing.

Saturday 22

I said some words with feigned humility.

Sunday 23

I thought I could be of some benefit to some by remaining in the world, and that my Confessor also would be happy about it. In my talk I hinted at things that could fetch me praise. I was rude towards a person superior to me.

Monday 24

When a person praised me I burst out laughing. I was a bit complacent about myself.

Tuesday 25

I went against another person's advice in a matter. I don't remember what else I did on that day because I did not note my defects that very day - not that I had done only this, though.

Wednesday 26

I imagined my Confessor might think that it was very virtuous of me to have done a certain thing. I held obstinately to my opinion; I tried to justify my behaviour.

Thursday 27

I wished a certain person could see me doing a thing with my friend. I spoke in self-praise. I presumed that a person to whom I had sent a letter might say that it was well thought out and written.

Friday 28

I imagined that by my good example I could encourage a friend of mine to keep doing well.

Saturday 29

I asked to be held excused when I was told to do a thing. I missed an opportunity to make an act of humility.

Sunday 30

I tried to justify my behaviour and mentioned an act of virtue I had practised.

Monday 31

I contradicted someone else to prove myself right. I felt a little unpleasant to accept a correction that was aimed at me.

NOVEMBER - 1825

Thursday 1

In admitting some failings of mine I toned them down so that those who heard me might not consider me very negligent. In relating a matter I put the blame for what had happened more on others than on myself, and yet the fault was mainly mine.

Wednesday 2

I held obstinately to my opinion. I showed some handwork I had prepared. I brought some reasons to clear myself of a fault I was charged with.

Thursday 3

I was anxious to show one thing not to let them think that I did not have it yet. I mentioned a kind deed I had done.

Friday 4

I was a bit obstinate in my opinion. I also excused myself a little.

Saturday 5

I said some words to give vent to my self-love. I was gratified by praise. Several times there came back to mind words of praise said of me.

Sunday 6

I spoke with a half-feigned humility. I spoke favourably of myself.

Monday 7

I was a bit harsh in correcting a friend of mine. I tried to justify my behaviour to some extent.

Tuesday 8

I felt proud of myself when asked to do a thing that would bring me credit. I showed unwillingness to carry out a command.

Wednesday 9

I spoke in self-praise. I was gratified at hearing that some girls interpreted favourably a thing I had done, though I myself was unaware of doing it.

Thursday 10

I wanted to prove myself right. I put the blame on others for a thing, to avoid any scolding myself. I was not very obliging.

Friday 11

I made fun of a person who related a thing in a childish way. On being rebuked I tried to justify my behaviour.

Saturday 12

I was obstinate in my opinion. I spoke a bit harshly.

Sunday 13

I excused myself with some insistence.

Monday 14

I imagined that a certain person might speak well of me. I was not sorry to receive praise.

Tuesday 15

I was self-complacent. I spoke with feigned humility.

Wednesday 16

I excused myself with some insistence. I was not sorry to be praised, and I also spoke in self-praise.

Thursday 17

Not to seem lazy, I explained why I had got up late. I was gratified to hear that a thing I had done had been appreciated. I was not very obliging.

Friday 18

I presumed that a certain person would speak of me with others.

Saturday 19

I tried to cover up a defect not to be thought less highly of. I spoke in self-praise.

Sunday 20

I was gratified by praise.

Monday 21

I discovered things that did me credit. I excused myself with insistence. I was gratified at being addressed 'Madam'.

Tuesday 22

I contradicted someone else's opinion. I was not very gentle. I held obstinately to my opinion.

Wednesday 23

I was rather harsh in correcting my Sister. I was a bit gratified to notice that a certain person intended to tell another person about a good thing I had done.

Thursday 24

I spoke a few words in self-praise. I insisted that I was right in a matter that did me credit.

Friday 25

I excused myself. I corrected some girls rather harshly.

Saturday 26

I was tempted to be gratified by words of praise. I was complacent about a thing I seemed to have done well.

Sunday 27

I was a bit complacent at my presumed virtues.

Monday 28

I did not want to be dependent in a matter, and as a result of this pride in me, I did it badly. I spoke with feigned humility.

Tuesday 29

I imagined that my Confessor would now put his mind at rest because it seemed to me that I was doing well, after all.

Wednesday 30

I spoke with feigned humility. I showed eagerness in attending to a duty, in order to be praised for it.

DECEMBER - 1825

Thursday 1

I was not very gentle. I covered up something that would have discredited me. I was gratified by praise.

Friday 2

I spoke out to give vent to my self-love. I insisted that I was right.

Saturday 3

I excused myself with great insistence, explaining the valid aim for which I had done the thing in question. I spoke in self-praise.

Sunday 4

I was gratified by the favourable opinion of me held by a certain person, and I also spoke of it with a friend of mine.

Monday 5

I presumed that I had read out well the passage written by St Aloysius. I was a bit complacent about a good deed I had done.

Tuesday 6

As the Parish Priest had forgotten to write my name in my Leader's group, I presumed he had purposely left it out because there was no need for it. I was gratified by the thought that two girls had noticed an act of charity I had carried out.

Wednesday 7

I was tempted to be gratified by praise.

Thursday 8

In helping certain persons to make their act of thanksgiving after Holy Communion, I imagined they might say I did it very well and with great devotion. I spoke in self-praise.

Friday 9

I showed unwillingness in doing as others wished. I covered up certain defects a little bit.

Saturday 10

I needlessly revealed to a friend various good deeds I had done, though without the aim of showing off.

Sunday 11

I thought of myself rather highly.

Monday 12

As a person had said that I had completed a piece of work that day, I told her that I had done a second one as well. I imagined that a certain person might say that I love seclusion.

Tuesday 13

I excused myself in a matter of little or no importance.

Wednesday 14

I was hurt by what seemed to be a wrong done me, and I complained about it.

Thursday 15

I spoke in self-praise.

Friday 16

I was rather harsh in talking. I presumed that a certain person liked me better than a friend, and that I am not so disagreeable to her as my friend is.

Saturday 17

I found it a bit unpleasant to do as others wished. It seemed to me that I did not deserve a certain reproof.

Sunday 18

I explained why I had left a thing undone. I was not very obliging in some things. I held obstinately to my opinion.

Monday 19

I was gratified by the high opinion that a person had of me. I spoke in self-praise.

Tuesday 20

I did not show much compassion towards my Sister, and was rather harsh.

Wednesday 21

I was complacent about some good deeds done.

Thursday 22

I was harsh in my talk. I was sorry to have cut a poor figure with a respectable person.

Friday 23

I hinted at things that could do me credit.

LOVERE, JUNE - 1828¹

- 26 *June* Distractions. I laughed during the procession. Useless thoughts. Thoughts against charity. A sharp remark to a friend.
- 4 *July* Distractions. Thoughts of pride and against charity, failure to make usual visits-in-spirit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
- 11 " Distractions. Useless thoughts. Twice did not obey very well. A bad dream. Gratified by praise.
- 17 " Distractions. Curiosity in looking at pictures. Useless thoughts and words. Pride.
- 24 " Distractions. Some unnecessary words said in Church. A thought against charity, words in praise of myself and thoughts of pride.
- 1 *August* Distractions, Words against charity. Words in praise of myself and thoughts of pride.

¹ The defects listed below and for Year 1829 were written by Ven. Bartolomea on sheets of paper separately from the 'register' of thoughts of pride. Here they are arranged in a chronological order.

- 9 *August* Distractions. Lack of fervour in Holy Communion. Omitted the meditation twice and visits-in-spirit several times. Harshness in correcting and pride.
- 14 “ Distractions. Useless thoughts. Unnecessary words in Church. Pride.
- 21 “ Distractions, lack of charity in speech. I answered my father back a bit rudely. I laughed at the defects of others. Pride.
- 29 “ Distractions. Excused myself. Thoughts against charity. Unnecessary words in Church. Pride.
- 3 *September* Distractions. Meditation cut short. Thoughts of dissatisfaction. Thoughts against charity. Gave cause to Superiors to rebuke me. Self-love.
- 11 “ Distractions and drowsiness during prayer. Was curious once. Useless thoughts. Pride.
- 18 “ Distractions and negligence in ridding myself of them. Useless thoughts. 1. Curiosity and pointless hurt feelings. Scolded a girl without sufficient cause. Did not get up at night. Thoughts of pride.
- 27 “ Distractions. Thoughts against charity in matters of purity; thoughts of pride, resented a rebuke.

- 3 *October* Distractions and drowsiness; I took offence, not very recollected, obstinate in my opinion, pride.
- 8 “ Distractions, laughed during prayer, useless words in Church; pride.
- 16 “ Distractions, negligence in paying 2 spiritual visits at night. Lack of charity in talking about another person. Excused myself for a disobedience. Did not meet my Sister’s wish. Pride.
- 23 “ Distractions, I laughed during prayer, high regard for myself, internal resentment.
- 30 “ Distractions and drowsiness during prayer. Laziness in getting up in the morning. Lack of recollection and pride.
- 7 *November* Distractions in prayer and lack of fervour in Holy Communion; omitted some ‘mental’ visits, inner resentment of self-love, lack of recollection and fervour in the service of God. Pride.
- 20 “ Distractions, I laughed during prayer. I was deliberately curious once. Thoughts and words against charity. Thoughts against purity. Thoughts of jealousy. Useless thoughts. Words in praise of myself. Thoughts of high regard for myself.
- 29 “ Distractions and carelessness in talking. Words against charity. Lack of recollection on certain days. Unnecessary words in Church. Pride.

- 5 *December* Distractions. Thoughts against modesty.
Answered my mother a bit proudly, insisting that I was right. Pride.
- 15 “ Distractions. Lack of recollection, Lack of charity in thought and in speech. Laziness in getting up from bed. Used my eyes unnecessarily. Pride.
- 23 “ Distractions. Taken up by work. Thoughts of jealousy, thoughts against charity, thoughts of pride and self-gratification.
- 30 “ Distractions. Laziness. Gratified at being praised, Desired to be held in high regard.

13 DECEMBER - 1828

Saturday 13

Today I hope I did not commit any sins of pride.

Sunday 14

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 15

I am not aware of anything.

Tuesday 16

I had thoughts of high regard for myself, and I also imagined that certain persons were likely to praise me.

Wednesday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note today. I seem to have thought favourably of myself.

Thursday 18

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 19

I held myself in high regard, imagining to have done something good.

Saturday 20

Today, too, I was assailed by thoughts of high regard for myself, as it seemed to me that I was doing so many things, while I am doing nothing, and if I am doing anything, I fear it is done for the devil. My God, what will become of me! ...

Sunday 21

I imagined that a certain person who saw me doing a deed of charity would think highly of me.

Monday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 23

I have again thought highly of myself.

Wednesday 24

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 25

I indulged a bit in self-love; I was complacent about my own prayer.

Friday 26

I was gratified by praise. I held others in lower estimation than myself.

Saturday 27

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 28

I should like to think that I have nothing today either.

Monday 29

I don't know what to write today.

Tuesday 30

There came to mind several times something said in appreciation of me.

Wednesday 31

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

JANUARY - 1829

- 9 *January* Distractions. Useless thoughts. Lack of charity in thought and in speech. I spoke in praise of myself. I refused to comply with my Mother's wish.
- 17 " Distractions. Spoke unfavourably of others. Thoughts against Holy Purity. Thoughts of pride.
- 23 " Distractions, bad dream. Contradicted a Superior. Lack of humility with my Sister. Thoughts against Holy Purity. Jealousy prompted by pride.
- 31 " Distractions. Bad dream, thoughts against Holy Purity. Laziness. Scattered thoughts. Excuses and pride.
- 5 *February* Distractions. Did not remain all the time in the presence of God. Held on obstinately to my opinion. I fear I may have been a little gratified at good deeds done.
- 11 " Distractions. I laughed in Church, giving bad example to others. Thoughts against Holy Purity.
- 22 " Distractions. Laziness in getting up from bed. Hurt feelings. Lack of fervour in divine service.

- 2 *March* Distractions. I held obstinately to my opinion. Pride.
- 10 “ Distractions. Lack of charity in my speech. A bit of vanity. Inner groaning. I talked about Confession. I bought a pencil sharpener without permission. Useless thoughts. I fell asleep in Church.
- 18 “ Distractions. Useless thoughts. Bad dream. Thoughts against Holy Purity. Wandering thoughts. Excuses.
- 26 “ Distractions and negligence in ridding myself of them. I let my thoughts wander during the day. Lack of charity in correcting.
- 2 *April* Distractions. I was curious in harmless things. I contradicted what others said. I had thoughts of self-esteem. Lack of fervour in divine service. Not very recollected.
- 9 “ Distractions. Bad dream. I was slow in ridding myself of a harmful thought. Useless thoughts. I excused myself; thoughts against charity.
- 15 “ Distractions, pride, I excused myself, lack of right intention in work; thoughts against purity and against faith.
- 22 “ Distractions. Useless thoughts. I excused myself. Spoke in praise of myself. Pride.

- 30 *April* Distractions. Drowsiness in prayer and prayer cut short. Thoughts of self-love. Thoughts against charity and Purity. Pride.
- 7 *May* Distractions. Thoughts against purity.
- 15 “ Distractions; I read a letter at once. Unnecessary words spoken in Church. Thoughts against charity.
- 21 “ Distractions. Lack of charity; a word of self-love or pride, white lie, pride.
- 27 “ Distractions. Drowsiness in prayer. Wandering thoughts. Indiscreet correction. Pride.

1 JANUARY - 1829

Thursday 1

I was a bit haughty in my way of speaking to my Mother.

Friday 2

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 3

I was tempted to jealousy prompted by pride at seeing a young girl doing a thing well.

Sunday 4

I don't remember anything today.

Monday 5

I am not aware of anything today.

Tuesday 6

I said a few things with a touch of vanity.

Wednesday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 8

I said words in praise of myself.

Friday 9

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Saturday 10

I don't remember anything.

Sunday 11

I imagined I had done a thing well; I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Monday 12

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 13

I don't remember anything today.

Wednesday 14

I had thoughts of self-esteem. I imagined that other persons would speak well of me.

Thursday 15

It seemed to me that the way I did one thing was better than that of another person.

Friday 16

I fear I was gratified in doing certain deeds of charity.

Saturday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 18

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 19

I am confused, and because of that I cannot make out anything today.

Tuesday 20

I was a bit harsh in my talk.

Wednesday 21

I imagined that other persons would find in me something worthy of praise.

Thursday 22

I don't remember anything except that I took a view contrary to that held by a Religious-Superior.

Friday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 24

I am not aware of anything today either.

Sunday 25

I was gratified at a courtesy shown me by a person Superior to me.

Monday 26

I was gratified by words of praise, and I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Tuesday 27

I imagined that some persons would talk well of me after my death.

Wednesday 28

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Thursday 29

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 30

I spoke in praise of myself.

Saturday 31

I excused myself so as not to be rebuked.

1 FEBRUARY

Sunday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 2

I wish to think that I have nothing today either.

Tuesday 3

I am not aware of anything that smacks of pride.

Wednesday 4

I don't remember anything today either.

Thursday 5

I was somewhat pleased with myself at some good things I had done.

Friday 6

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 7

I had a thought of self-esteem. I was pleased that other people saw what I had stitched, because it seemed to me beautifully done.

Sunday 8

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 9

I can't think of anything today.

10 OCTOBER - 1829¹

Saturday 10

I don't remember anything today.

Sunday 11

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 12

I found it hard to obey in one thing because I felt it was humiliating.

Tuesday 13

I am not aware of anything that smacks of pride. However, I trust God does not find me full of it.

Wednesday 14

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

¹ Bartolomea wrote 11 by mistake.

Thursday 15

I excused myself for one thing with some insistence.

Friday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 17

I am not aware of anything today either.

Sunday 18

I imagined that a girl would form a high opinion of me because she saw distinguished persons had come to see me.

Monday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 20

I cannot make out anything today. Self-love and lack of penetration prevent me from recognizing my own defects.

Wednesday 21

I fear I have toned down a defect of pride during Confession, and I now reproach myself for it.

Thursday 22

I imagined that in reading my letter a certain person might think I am fairly humble, and instead, it is all pride.

Friday 23

I don't remember anything today.

Saturday 24

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Sunday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 26

Several times there came to mind a word said in appreciation of me.

Tuesday 27

I said some words in praise of myself. I excused myself.

Wednesday 28

I was anxious of appearing ignorant of a certain thing.

Thursday 29

I don't remember anything, but I was not very recollected.

Friday 30

I fear I might have been a little jealous on seeing preference used with two friends of mine.

Saturday 31

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

1 NOVEMBER

Sunday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 2

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Tuesday 3

I don't remember anything.

Wednesday 4

I said something that brought me praise.

Thursday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 6

I am not aware of anything.

Saturday 7

I don't remember anything.

Sunday 8

I hope I have nothing I should note today, or rather, I am not aware of any.

Monday 9

I am not aware of anything.

Tuesday 10

I was gratified at a thing I had done, which seemed to me beautifully done.

Wednesday 11

I imagined a person would praise me for something I had done. I was almost pleased for being honoured with a greeting. I had some thoughts of self-esteem.

Thursday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 13

In doing a little virtuous thing, I made sure I was seen by others.

Saturday 14

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 15

I imagined that a certain person would say that I was more capable than another girl.

Monday 16

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 17

I wanted to say something in praise of myself. God did not allow it, but I am equally guilty, because I kept quiet not for virtue's sake but because I was unable to.

Wednesday 18

I don't remember anything today.

Thursday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note down today.

Friday 20

I can't think of anything for today.

Saturday 21

I am not aware of anything today either.

Sunday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note down today.

Monday 23

I had a 'half-wish' to be held in high regard by certain persons.

Tuesday 24

I hope I have nothing I should note down today.

Wednesday 25

I tried to excuse myself, out of pride.

Thursday 26

I imagined a certain person would say that I am more virtuous than another girl.

Friday 27

I was anxious to justify my behaviour.

Saturday 28

I knowingly avoided an opportunity to humble myself.

Sunday 29

I was gratified that a certain person, seeing that I could follow a spiritual topic, would consider me well-versed in matters relating to prayer.

Monday 30

I scolded a girl rather harshly, when I myself was the cause of her restlessness.

1 DECEMBER

Tuesday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 2

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 3

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Friday 4

I tried to justify my own self-love.

Saturday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 6

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 7

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 8

I felt hurt when corrected. I tried to excuse myself in one thing.

Wednesday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 10

I don't remember anything.

Friday 11

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 13

I imagined myself better than certain other girls.

Monday 14

I imagined myself gentle in my ways, that is, that I have the virtue of gentleness.

Tuesday 15

I don't remember anything.

Wednesday 16

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Thursday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 18

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Saturday 19

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Sunday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 21

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Tuesday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Thursday 24

One thing I had written seemed to me well-done.

Friday 25

I imagined my Confessor would speak well of me after my death.

Saturday 26

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Sunday 27

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Tuesday 29

I do hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 30

I don't remember anything today.

Thursday 31

I imagined that a certain person would speak well of me.

1 JANUARY - 1830

Friday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 2

I don't remember anything about today.

Sunday 3

I hope I have nothing I should note today, either.

Monday 4

I was gratified by what was said in appreciation of me.

Tuesday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 6

I excused myself with a certain insistence about a few things.

Thursday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 8

I was tempted to pride because it seemed to me that I had done a thing quite well.

Saturday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 11

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 12

For a while I kept a useless thought, deriving from ambition.

Wednesday 13

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 14

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Friday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Sunday 17

I fear I may have felt a bit gratified about a thing I wrote.

Monday 18

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Wednesday 20

I don't remember anything today.

Thursday 21

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Friday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 24

I imagined that a person would say that I am charitable.

Monday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Wednesday 27

I don't remember anything today either.

Thursday 28

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Friday 29

I don't remember anything about today.

Saturday 30

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 31

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

1 FEBRUARY

Monday 1

I don't know of any.

Tuesday 2

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Wednesday 3

There came to my mind words of appreciation said about myself.

Thursday 4

I hope I did not yield to any temptation of pride.

Friday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 6

I imagined that a certain person would think highly of me.

Sunday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 8

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Tuesday 9

I imagined that a person would praise my letter. I imagined that a friend of mine would say that when she comes to me she feels more fervent.

Wednesday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 11

Two things happened in a way I did not like: I was upset internally.

Friday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 13

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Sunday 14

I don't remember anything on today.

Monday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Tuesday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Wednesday 17

I don't know of anything. Perhaps my Confessor's correction did me good. Would that it may last!

Thursday 18

I hope I did not wilfully keep any thought of pride, except that while I was praying it crossed my mind that a child who was watching me would have said that I was devout. But it seems to me that I dismissed the thought at once.

Friday 19

I said some words in praise of myself.

Saturday 20

I had a thought of self-esteem.

Sunday 21

I hope I have nothing I should note today

Monday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 23

In giving comfort to a person a thought of pride came to my mind.

Wednesday 24

I imagined some would say that I do good in the town.

Thursday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note today. No, that's not true: because twice or three times I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Saturday 27

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 28

I don't remember anything.

1 MARCH

Monday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 2

I don't remember anything.

Wednesday 3

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Friday 5

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 6

I don't remember anything today either.

Sunday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 8

I don't remember anything today either.

Tuesday 9

I felt pleased that two little girls saw me doing something that denotes scrupulous care in little things.

Wednesday 10

I excused myself in one thing, out of self-love.

18 MARCH

Thursday 18

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Friday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Sunday 21

I kept a useless thought prompted by vanity.

Monday 22

I was gratified at the thought that my script would be seen because I imagined I would receive praise for it.

Tuesday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 24

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 25

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Friday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 27

I saw a girl doing a good thing and it at once came to my mind that I had been the one to give her the good example.

Sunday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 29

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Tuesday 30

I don't remember anything.

Wednesday 31

I hope I have nothing I should note.

1 APRIL

Thursday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Friday 2

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 3

I said a laudable thing with a bit of desire to be praised for it.

Sunday 4

I don't remember anything regarding today.

Monday 5

I felt a bit jealous because I feared a young girl might be more highly praised than myself in one thing.

Tuesday 6

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 8

I don't remember anything.

Friday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 10

I don't remember anything.

Sunday 11

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Monday 12

I wished a certain person could see me doing one thing.

Tuesday 13

I excused myself out of self-love.

Wednesday 14

I kept thoughts prompted by self-love.

Thursday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 16

I imagined that a certain person would speak well of me.

Saturday 17

I don't remember anything today.

Sunday 18

Thoughts of self-esteem crossed my mind, but I don't think I yielded to them.

Monday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 20

I don't remember anything today either.

Wednesday 21

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Thursday 22

I spoke in praise of myself.

Friday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 24

I don't remember anything.

Sunday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 26

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 27

I kept from others something that could dishonour me.

Wednesday 28

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 29

I don't remember anything.

Friday 30

I refused to accept a correction in one thing, out of pride.

1 MAY

Saturday 1

I fancied I come from a more respectable family than another girl does.

Sunday 2

I said words prompted by self-love.

Monday 3

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 4

I was gratified at being praised.

Wednesday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 6

I don't remember anything.

Friday 7

I had a thought of self-esteem.

Saturday 8

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 9

I don't know what to write. I fear I may be detestable to God due to pride.

Monday 10

I said something that invited appreciation.

Tuesday 11

I don't know what to write.

Wednesday 12

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 13

I said something that put me in a bright light.

Friday 14

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Saturday 15

I had another thought of high regard for myself.

Sunday 16

I don't remember anything.

1 JULY

Thursday 1

Today I hope I have nothing I should note about pride.

Friday 2

I thought I do one thing better than another person. I thought that some persons would find nothing in my behaviour that was unedifying.

Saturday 3

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 4

I don't remember anything today.

Monday 5

I don't remember anything today.

Tuesday 6

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Wednesday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 8

I am not aware of anything today.

Friday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

From that day till today, August 1, I have always failed in my duty to mark these defects. My lame excuse is a little stomach ache, which made me think it was a justifying reason, but it would be truer to say that the main cause was shame and pride that cannot bear to see written down my ugly defects and God knows that ... Let me start.

1 AUGUST

Sunday 1

I don't know what to write today.

Monday 2

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Tuesday 3

Within me I rejected one thing my Mother said for my good.

Wednesday 4

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 5

I was not recollected today and so I cannot even make out my sins.

Friday 6

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 7

I don't remember anything today.

Sunday 8

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Monday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 18

These days I have neglected the marking of my failings, partly because I was not keeping very well, partly out of carelessness. Today I don't remember anything.

Thursday 19

Out of pride I did not explain a defect of pride to my Confessor sufficiently well.

Friday 20

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 21

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Sunday 22

I don't remember anything.

Monday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Tuesday 24

I thought highly of myself.

Wednesday 25

I excused myself.

3 SEPTEMBER

Friday 3

With the excuse of having a new merit of obedience, for the slightest indisposition I neglect my register; I am sorry for it. I will start afresh. With God's help I hope to do it thoroughly well in future.

Today, with God's help I hope I have nothing I should note, or rather, I am not aware of any defects.

Saturday 4

I hope I have had no thoughts of pride, but I have been very much assailed by gloomy thoughts.

Sunday 5

Today, too, I felt downcast. Besides, while reading out before others I imagined they would say that I read well.

Monday 6

Today the Lord has graciously lifted me from the depression in which I found myself, and I am very glad about it. I hope I have nothing I should note about pride either.

Tuesday 7

I was gratified to hear that a girl had a high opinion of me.

Wednesday 8

Today I was assailed by gloomy thoughts. It weighs so much on my mind that I am at a loss how to describe it. I am confused, at a loss what to write. My Jesus, in your loving kindness, help me ... What will become of me?

Thursday 9

A word of praise said of me came back to mind, and a few times dressed in a layer of self-gratification.

Friday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 11

I hope I have nothing I should note today, either. I feel glad and happy.

Sunday 12

I had thoughts of self-esteem.

Monday 13

I imagined that two persons would speak well of me.

Tuesday 14

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 15

A word of praise said of me came back to mind several times.

Thursday 16

I don't remember anything.

Friday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 18

I started wondering if another girl had done the Spiritual Exercises better than I did, but I don't think I supposed I had done them better myself.

Sunday 19

I supposed that a person would praise a thing I did.

Monday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 21

I don't remember anything.

Wednesday 22

I hope I did not yield to any temptations of pride.

Thursday 23

I imagined that a certain woman would say that I spend the time usefully and never waste time.

Friday 24

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 25

I imagined I am good at writing and that others would like what I wrote.

Sunday 26

I don't remember anything today.

Monday 27

I was tempted to think highly of myself.

Tuesday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 29

I had some thoughts of self-esteem.

Thursday 30

I don't remember anything.

1 OCTOBER

Friday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 2

It seemed to me that I had behaved better than another person on one occasion.

Sunday 3

I don't remember anything.

Monday 4

I was not very gentle in my speech.

Tuesday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 6

I said a word worthy of praise, but not with the aim of showing off.

Thursday 7

Hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 8

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 9

I fear I may have had thoughts of high regard for myself, and that I was gratified because my family are thinking of having a lovely piece of furniture in the house.

Sunday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 11

I don't remember anything today.

Tuesday 12

I said words in praise of myself.

Wednesday 13

I hinted at a good thing I did to another person.

Thursday 14

I hinted at something expecting to be praised for it.

Friday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 16

I excused myself a bit arrogantly with my Parents.

Sunday 17

I don't remember anything.

Monday 18

I was tempted to jealousy.

Tuesday 19

I don't remember anything about today.

Wednesday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 21

I don't remember anything today.

Friday 22

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Saturday 23

I contradicted an advice given by someone else, and I held obstinately to my own opinion.

Sunday 24

I wanted to have my way in doing certain things.

Monday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 26

I don't remember anything.

Wednesday 27

I was a bit gratified by a word of praise.

Thursday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 29

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 30

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 31

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

1 NOVEMBER

Monday 1

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 2

I said words that put me in a bright light.

Wednesday 3

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Thursday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 5

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 6

I don't know what to say.

Sunday 7

I don't remember anything.

Monday 8

I am blind to my own defects.

Tuesday 9

I spoke in praise of myself.

Wednesday 10

Today I don't remember anything.

Thursday 11

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Friday 12

Out of pride I did not explain well a thought of pride to my Confessor.

Saturday 13

I was tempted to think highly of myself.

Sunday 14

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 15

I don't remember anything today.

Tuesday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note today, or at least I am not aware of any.

Wednesday 17

I was hurt at being justly reproached and inside myself I tried to find reasons to excuse myself, all prompted by my self-love.

Thursday 18

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Friday 19

I remembered about things done by me, which seemed well-done.

Saturday 20

It seemed to me I had done very well at school, and I had other thoughts of high regard for myself.

Sunday 21

I can't remember anything. I know I had a thought of pride, but I cannot remember it now.

Monday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 23

My head is so confused that I am at a loss what to say.

Wednesday 24

I was harsh in correcting a girl.

Thursday 25

I was a bit gratified to hear that a person told another what I had suggested to her, because it seemed to me that she had formed a favourable opinion of me.

Friday 26

I don't know what to say.

Saturday 27

Today I am not going to note down my sins of pride because I have so many that I don't know where to start from. I did my Confession somehow, though those I omit are far more numerous than those I confess.

Sunday 28

I don't know what to write.

Monday 29

I was upset by a word of reproach pointed at me.

Tuesday 30

Today I don't know what to write.

1 DECEMBER

Wednesday 1

I felt hurt over a correction made to me; I felt it was too severe and that I did not deserve it.

Thursday 2

I don't know what to write.

Friday 3

I felt quite sick and some thought came to me that if I died some persons would say that they lost a treasure in me.

Saturday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 5

I imagined that some persons would speak well of me.

Monday 6

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Tuesday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 8

I imagined I would be praised for a letter I had written.

Thursday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 10

I thought a certain person would form a favourable opinion of me.

Saturday 11

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Sunday 12

It seemed to me that I had acted wisely in a thing and expected to be praised for it.

Monday 13

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 14

I brought an excuse to cover up my self-love.

Wednesday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 16

I don't know what to write.

Friday 17

I don't remember anything today.

Saturday 18

I was tempted to think highly of myself.

Sunday 19

I had to struggle hard against my pride; I don't know if I have yielded to it.

Monday 20

I have been in a bad mood today.

Tuesday 21

I don't know what to write.

Wednesday 22

I don't know what to write, because my head is too heavy to think of anything.

Thursday 23

I don't remember anything.

Friday 24

I don't know what to write.

Saturday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 27

I am bad, very bad, and I don't know what to say. I am nearly dismayed.

Tuesday 28

Today I am much worse. I committed countless faults ... What God will do of me he alone knows ... That he may, out of pure mercy, save me from hell.

Wednesday 29

My thoughts are so confused and in such a mess that I cannot make out my defects. My God, in your kindness help your handmaid in her poverty.

Thursday 30

Today peace has returned to my heart. Of pride I don't know what to say.

Friday 31

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

1 JANUARY - 1831

Saturday 1

I considered myself cleverer than another Teacher, and also that a certain person would surely be edified after reading what I had written.

Sunday 2

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 3

Today Our Lord gave me an intense inner joy; I don't want to disturb it by thinking of my defects, though I am sure there will be more than a hundred of them.

Tuesday 4

I don't know what to write.

Wednesday 5

I was gratified at being praised, and it came back to mind twice or three times.

Thursday 6

I imagined that a certain person would attribute to my prayer a grace received. I held on obstinately to my opinion.

Friday 7

I was not very humble in saying a thing to my Father.

Saturday 8

I said one thing which served only to satisfy my self-love.

Sunday 9

Today, again some words dictated by self-love to my Mother.

Monday 10

Today I hope I have nothing I should note.

Tuesday 11

I imagined a certain person would attribute to my prayer a grace received.

Wednesday 12

I had a thought that a young girl could have a good example from what I did.

Thursday 13

Today I said a thing roughly to a young girl.

Friday 14

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 15

I spoke a bit harshly in class.

Sunday 16

I don't remember anything.

Monday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Tuesday 18

I don't remember anything today.

Wednesday 19

I don't know what to write.

Thursday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 21

I spoke words in praise of myself.

Saturday 22

I was a bit moody.

Sunday 23

I still feel cast down, and so I don't even know my defects, because not to be even more oppressed, I don't make much effort to think.

Monday 24

I could not bear being rebuked because I felt I was right etc. I am troubled in spirit. I don't want to get disheartened, but I am alarmed at my own pride. My God, help me in your kindness.

Tuesday 25

I imagined a certain person would say that I am humble because I spoke to her of my wretched state. I had to make a big effort not to resent a very little thing done to me. However, today I have been a bit more quiet and calm.

Wednesday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 27

I don't remember anything.

Friday 28

I hope I have nothing today either.

Saturday 29

I don't know what to write.

Sunday 30

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 31

Today I hope I have nothing I should note.

1 FEBRUARY

Tuesday 1

I imagined that some persons will have formed a high opinion of me.

Wednesday 2

I have behaved very badly, but I cannot make out anything clearly.

Thursday 3

Today I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 4

I don't know what to write, except that I said some words in self-praise.

Saturday 5

My self-love suggested within myself some reasons to say in answer to a person who upset me a little.

Sunday 6

Today I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 7

I don't know what to write.

Tuesday 8

I can't make out anything clearly in my own conscience. A hotch-potch of evil things of some sort or other, God alone knows ... Jesus, please! ...

Wednesday 9

Today I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 10

I excused myself to cover up my negligence. I don't think I have ever had so dismal a day as this: my pride has much to do with it, though in order to excuse myself I attribute it also to physical indisposition.

Friday 11

I don't know what to write.

Saturday 12

Today I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 13

I felt hurt over something, which must have been done with some good intention or, maybe, with no special aim.

Monday 14

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Tuesday 15

Again I had thoughts of high regard for myself. Out of courtesy I was treated gently by those over me, and my pride at once tries to take the upper hand. It is only by continually subduing it that I can keep it quiet, which is what I really deserve.

Wednesday 16

I was not very gentle with the girls in class.

Thursday 17

I hope I have nothing to note down today.

Friday 18

I was tempted to indulge in self-esteem.

Saturday 19

I hope I have nothing to note down today.

19 JUNE

Sunday 19

I imagined a person would speak well of me after my death.

Monday 20

I said one thing that put me in a bright light.

Tuesday 21

I hope I have nothing to note down today.

Wednesday 22

I hope I have nothing to note down.

Thursday 23

I don't remember anything today.

Friday 24

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Saturday 25

I hope I have nothing to note down today.

Sunday 26

I don't remember anything.

Monday 27

I hope I have nothing to note down.

Tuesday 28

I imagined a person would praise me for a trifling matter.

Wednesday 29

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 30

I hope I have nothing to note down today.

1 JULY

Friday 1

I don't know what to write.

Saturday 2

I hope I have nothing to note down today.

Sunday 3

I don't know what to say about my own doings; self-love makes me blind to them.

Monday 4

I hope I have nothing to note down today.

Tuesday 5

I imagined that a certain person would speak well of me.

Wednesday 6

I don't know of anything I should note.

Thursday 7

I had a thought of high regard for myself. I indulged in another one covered up with what was good but proceeding from pride and self-love, on which I built up so many castles in the air.

Friday 8

I imagined that seeing me praying my school-girls would say that I did it with devotion.

Saturday 9

I imagined that those who saw me doing a good deed would have a favourable opinion of me.

Sunday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 11

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 13

I imagined that a certain person might speak well of me.

Thursday 14

I disapproved of certain things uttered by a serious person¹.

Friday 15

On being repeatedly rebuked I had thoughts prompting me to justify myself.

Saturday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 17

I suspect I have been gratified at being seen doing a good thing.

Monday 18

Out of pride I was uncharitable in talking about a friend.

Tuesday 19

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

¹ It could also mean "*person seriously ill*".

Wednesday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 21

For a short while I kept a useless thought, which may have proceeded from pride.

Friday 22

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 24

Same thing again today as yesterday.

Monday 25

I imagined that certain persons might praise me for a few things.

Tuesday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 27

May God in his mercy be with me, for I feel I could fall away any moment.

Thursday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 29

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Saturday 30

I said some words in praise of myself.

Sunday 31

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

1 AUGUST

Monday 1

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 2

I had to struggle hard to stifle my self-love.

Wednesday 3

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 5

I don't know what to write, I can't think clearly.

Saturday 6

I don't know my own failings.

Sunday 7

I should like to hope I have nothing, but this is because I am too lenient in examining myself.

Monday 8

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Tuesday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 10

I was not very gentle in class.

Thursday 11

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 12

I insisted on my opinion for some time.

Saturday 13

I don't know what to say.

From this day till first October I never noted down my

failings because I was ill for a long stretch of time, and I was truly unable to write anything. About this period of time I should like to say that solely thanks to the merciful love of the Lord I did not have any temptations to pride. However, I feel this, and many other passions, very much alive in me, and every day I feel assaulted by them, and so I know how watchful and wary I should be lest I should fall away. In fact, I must say that since God has shown special charity towards me, the enemy tempted me all the more, and my passions seemed to be even more alive, and this made me aware that I should never be unmindful of myself, but be always watchful, vigilant, alert and wage war to remain faithful.

1 OCTOBER

Saturday 1

Unless my self-love makes me blind, I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 2

I don't remember anything.

Monday 3

Our Lord is visiting me with his cross, a sign that he loves me, though I do not deserve it. I don't know what to say regarding pride.

Tuesday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 5

A little correction hurt me deeply and my self-love smarted so badly that I could not help shedding tears.

3 NOVEMBER

Thursday 3

Various family circumstances, but more especially my laziness, prevented me from recording anything. I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 4

I disagreed with my mother on one thing.

Saturday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Sunday 6

I hope I have nothing I should note today, either.

Monday 7

My self-indulgence shuts my own failings out of sight, preventing me from knowing them.

Tuesday 8

I had a thought of high regard of myself.

Wednesday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 10

I said words prompted by self-love.

Friday 11

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 12

I don't remember anything.

Sunday 13

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 14

I excused myself in one thing, with a certain insistence.

Tuesday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 16

I can't think of anything.

Thursday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Friday 18

I can't think of anything.

Saturday 19

I don't know what to write today.

Sunday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note today either.

Monday 21

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Tuesday 22

I can't think of anything.

Wednesday 23

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Thursday 24

Twice I spoke with hurt feelings.

Friday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 27

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Monday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Tuesday 29

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 30

I had thoughts justifying my self-love over a thing that happened to me.

1 DECEMBER

Thursday 1

I said a word prompted by self-love.

Friday 2

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Saturday 3

I can't think of anything.

Sunday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Monday 5

I don't know what to write.

Tuesday 6

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 8

I don't know what to write.

Friday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 10

The devil can find no pretext for tempting me, or rather, I don't have time to pay heed to him; however, I am sure I have sins I am unaware of.

Sunday 11

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Monday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Tuesday 13

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 14

It seemed to me that I was patient.

Thursday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 17

I don't know what to write.

Sunday 18

I excused myself in a thing.

Monday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Tuesday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 21

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 23

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Saturday 24

It seemed to me I had done a few things well.

Sunday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 26

I don't know what to say about what I have done.

Tuesday 27

I don't know what to write.

Wednesday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 29

I don't know what to write.

Friday 30

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 31

I don't know what to write.

1 JANUARY - 1832

Sunday 1

I am not aware of any defect.

Monday 2

I hope I have committed no fault.

Tuesday 3

A few times I thought highly of myself.

Wednesday 4

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 5

I hope I have none.

Friday 6

I trust in my Jesus.

Saturday 7

I hope I have none, that is, I am not aware of any.

Sunday 8

I don't know what to write.

Monday 9

Once I spoke out with hurt feelings.

Tuesday 10

I imagined that a person would speak well of me on a certain occasion.

Wednesday 11

Once I excused myself.

Thursday 12

I hope I haven't anything.

Friday 13

I don't remember any.

Saturday 14

I hope I haven't anything.

Sunday 15

Same thing.

Monday 16

I gave in to self-love in one thing.

Sunday 29

I have been sick these days; on account of that I did not keep my method of noting my defects. I resume today.

I brought an excuse for a defect of pride.

Monday 30

I had a thought of jealousy.

Tuesday 31

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

1 FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 2

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 3

I don't remember any defects.

Saturday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 5

I don't know what to say.

Monday 6

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Tuesday 7

I don't know what to say, but God knows my true state, which I fear may not be good at all.

Wednesday 8

I am confused, and therefore at a loss what to say.

Thursday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 10

Same thing today.

Saturday 11

I don't remember any defect.

Sunday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 13

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Tuesday 14

I am at a loss what to say.

Wednesday 15

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 17

I am at a loss what to say.

Saturday 18

I had a thought of self-esteem.

Sunday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 20

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 21

I was harsh with some girls.

Wednesday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 23

I am at a loss what to say.

Friday 24

I don't know what to say

Saturday 25

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 26

I fear I may have felt pleased with myself a bit for doing a good deed.

Monday 27

I don't know what to say.

Tuesday 28

I was not very gentle at school.

Wednesday 29

I hope I have nothing I should note.

1 MARCH

Thursday 1

I don't know what to say.

Friday 2

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 3

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 4

I don't remember anything.

Monday 5

I had a few thoughts of self-esteem.

Tuesday 6

Today too I had a few thoughts of self-esteem.

Wednesday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 8

I do hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 10

I don't remember anything.

Sunday 11

I don't know what to write.

Monday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Tuesday 13

I felt a bit gratified at being seen by a person while doing a kind deed.

Wednesday 14

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 15

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Friday 16

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 18

I presumed I had done a thing well.

Monday 19

I had a thought of self-esteem.

Tuesday 20

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 21

I don't know what to say: I just can't think.

Thursday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 23

I don't know what to say.

Saturday 24

I don't know myself.

Sunday 25

I've been feeling in low spirits, without knowing why.

Monday 26

I don't know what to say.

Tuesday 27

I fear God's judgments, but I don't know how to avoid incurring them. My God, help me, for mercy's sake! ...

Wednesday 28

I've been in a somewhat melancholic mood.

Thursday 29

I felt hurt over a little adversity.

Friday 30

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 31

I don't remember anything.

1 APRIL

Sunday 1

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Monday 2

I was a bit harsh with the girls in class.

Tuesday 3

I don't know what to say.

Wednesday 4

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 5

I had thoughts of high regard for myself.

Friday 6

I don't know what to say.

Saturday 7

I corrected harshly.

Sunday 8

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 9

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Tuesday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 11

I tried to excuse myself.

Thursday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 13

I don't remember anything.

Saturday 14

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 15

I felt proud when others spoke highly of me.

Monday 16

My self-pride was hurt when I was rebuked.

Tuesday 17

I hope I have nothing I should note today.

Wednesday 18

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 19

I spoke a little out of self-love.

Friday 20

I don't know what to say.

Saturday 21

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Sunday 22

I don't remember anything.

Monday 23

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Tuesday 24

I don't remember anything.

Wednesday 25

I am at a loss what to say of myself.

Thursday 26

My self-love was hurt in an adversity.

1 AUGUST

Friday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 11

I excused myself.

Sunday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 13

I don't remember anything.

Tuesday 14

I felt hurt over a small thing I was corrected for.

Wednesday 15

I don't remember anything.

Thursday 16

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Friday 17

I don't know what to say.

Saturday 18

I had a thought of high regard for myself.

Sunday 19

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 20

I am at a loss what to say.

Tuesday 21

I said words of praise about myself.

Wednesday 22

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 23

I am at a loss what to say.

Friday 24

I considered myself better than a few others.

Saturday 25

I don't remember anything.

Sunday 26

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Monday 27

I spoke a bit harshly.

Tuesday 28

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Wednesday 29

I am at a loss what to say.

Thursday 30

I excused myself insisently.

Friday 31

I hope I have nothing I should note.

1 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1

I don't remember anything

Sunday 2

I am at a loss what to say

Monday 3

My self-love was troubled when I came across something I do not like.

Tuesday 4

I gave reasons to excuse my own self-love.

Wednesday 5

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Thursday 6

I am at a loss what to say.

Friday 7

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Saturday 8

I felt almost sorry to think that the Blessed Virgin Mary is so great in virtue and in holiness that I cannot imitate her - not out of a desire to be holy, but because in my pride I want to be great.

Sunday 9

I am at a loss what to say.

Monday 10

I hope I have nothing I should note.

Tuesday 11

I presumed that some persons would speak well of me.

Wednesday 12

I hope I have nothing I should note.

