

Bonaque  
Churchtown  
Carme  
Wexford  
Ireland  
May 11<sup>th</sup> 1871

Dear Eliza,

I am quite delighted to hear that you have crossed the barriers, and got inside the inclosure. So that now you are quite shut out from the world, as you have got within the high walls. I suppose you will soon put on the religious habit and be called sister Mary Francis, a beautiful name which will remind you, that you must try to become a good nun, destined in due time to become a beautiful star, shining in heaven so bright, as to eclipse every earthly light. But before you can get to heaven, you must expect many trials. Lick is a warfare. Even Monks and Nuns must sail across

many a stormy sea before they  
can reach the harbour of eternal rest.  
We must all fight and conquer, before  
we can be crowned.

Saw I must tell you all the news -  
On Monday John drove me up to Kilmore  
We remained there all day and found Mar-  
garet and her husband and children, all  
in most excellent health. They are  
all very happy and comfortable. Little  
Robert and John the Benedict Doyle  
are very much like each other.

Today your godson and myself have  
had a long walk to the Borough, St.  
Vaux, the Hay of Withertown and home.  
He is a great talker. He knows nothing  
as yet of the ninth degree of humility.  
All here, your parents and Brothers and  
sisters are all well and kind love  
to you. In a few days more I must  
bid them all farewell and start

for Chipping Sodbury.  
Yesterday a long letter arrived  
from Mary. William and  
herself seem to be quite well.

It is now near Post-time.  
I must make a finish.  
Mr. Diano makes a nice altar.  
I say Mass here all the week days,  
but on Sundays I say the last Mass  
at the Lady's Altar and give Benediction  
of the Blessed Sacrament in the afternoon.

The new Church is a perfect beauty.  
The stained glass windows are  
particularly beautiful.  
With best regards to Mother Prioresse,  
and all the good nuns, and B. Gibbons,  
I remain, my Dear Eliza,  
your affectionate Uncle,

M. P. Dinnot, O. S. B.

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CHIPPING SODBURY  
IS IN THE COUNTY  
OF AVON  
S.W. ENGLAND