



not make the Lord one's own.

I have also had the pleasure of seeing lately Oscar and his large family; for, not to mention the children he already has in Heaven, he still has six. Thanks be to God, they are now all well. By this I mean that there was a time when they were not all well. One of them, a charming lad, as indeed all Oscar's children are, was for long so weak on his legs that we wondered whether he would ever be able to stand up and walk. Fortunately, God took pity, and now this dear lad walks fairly well. His wife was also ~~xxxxxxx~~ ill, indeed gravely ill; but she has now recovered, for which we cannot sufficiently bless the Lord; for what would Oscar do without his excellent wife, a real model of order and tidiness? Oscar is still a skilled workman. He has been for two years or more with a firm, with a salary of about 3000 francs a year. May the Lord bless him, by filling his heart with faith, and then he will have all that is needed to be happy.

We had the privilege of having with us lately, for a few days, our dear sister Anna. She is still at Wabern, near Bern, in charge of her orphanage. She has ~~xxxxxxx~~ great, very great responsibilities there, and would be unable to fulfil her task if the Lord were not the light and strength of her life. I have no need to speak to you of her devotion. For, although overburdened with work, with eyes which only allow her to write as little as possible, it is she amongst us all who is most regular in giving you news of us. May the Lord continue to ~~xxxxxxx~~ give her strength and bless her ~~xxxxxxx~~ bountifully for the glory of His Holy Name!

This is also the wish I make for Albertine. I have seen her lately, when I went through Neuveville, as well as her four children. I was only able to stop an hour, which was too short for my heart, but nevertheless long enough to hear and see that, by the grace of God, they are all well. Her husband is still very busy; he has many lessons to give; but he loves it and so is not to be pitied. They are now all on holidays, at Sorlier, in the Montier Valley, where Germiquet was born.

Whom else shall I speak of? Of Louis Nestely who is one of my dear friends, ~~xxxxxxx~~ since we both found the Lord. He now lives in Renan. Although married for the third time, he has no children and probably will never have any. You doubtless know that he is a clock manufacturer, that God blesses him in his work and sustains him in his health which is not of the best. In particular, last winter he suffered greatly with the one eye he still has; he almost lost it; but now he is again well, thanks be to God. We must not forget cousin Fritz, either. Since he has been married, he has settled down and now never goes out but works hard ~~xxxxx~~ to bring up his little family. It is a long time since I saw him; therefore I cannot give you precise details concerning him or his family