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I thank you for the good wishes you have sent me. Be convinced that I am trying to be useful to you at all times, and that above all on the great feasts of the Church. I am redoubling my efforts to draw down special graces upon you.

I hope God will deign to bless your efforts and those of your dear Sisters, and that this year will be a year of success for the mistresses and the pupils.

Your ever very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 3rd November 1854