

I think you do well to humor Mme. Euphrosine a little. You will do well to go on getting her to understand the usefulness of the behavior of Mme. N. towards her. You will also tell the latter to humor the weakness of her sister, and cleverly to take advantage of the circumstances in order to underline her successes, so as to inspire confidence and prove that our sole objective is the good of the children, the mistresses and the glory of God. These two Ladies have something alike both in their characters and in a certain seriousness of expression; apart from that they resemble each other less.

In the receipt signed 18th November 1840, you state that you have received a term's fees that fell due on the 18th of February 1841. Ought it not to be that are to fall due?

For the rest, Madame Superior, like the child in the picture always hold the hand of God Almighty who does not need either to calculate our strength or to count on our means in order to lead us to the end he sets himself and to do with us, when it pleases him, very great things.

In my name tell your invalid all that your heart prompts you to do. I do not fail to pray for her. I also send my compliments to all your other children, all of whom I love in Our Lord.

Tell me, in your next letter, when we began the Sunday schools in Alost and Grammont. Mlle. Colette and Mme. N. will inform you. Tell me also when our Sisters obtained the house next to the parish church in Alost.

I am always as I must be

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 5th December 1840