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Your letter, Mademoiselle, gave me great pleasure. In it I find fresh proofs that you understand the designs of God on you, and wish to respond to those designs of mercy of the Father you have in Heaven. I congratulate you on those dispositions; they are graces you owe to our good Jesus. Yes, my Child, it is God the Savior who is so generously granting you those favors. I also see with keen satisfaction that you understand that mysterious way, and wish to respond generously to the loving invitations of the Lord. Persevere in those sentiments; they will lead you to eternal happiness, after procuring for you the sweetest of satisfactions in this place of exile, that of having worked for the salvation of your ...(end of margin torn).

Receive, my Child, the blessing of

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

Ghent, 22nd August 1860