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I have only a few remarks to make to you, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ. You have no reason to worry about the state of your soul. Go forward with confidence in the holy presence of the beloved of your heart, and the beloved, the good Jesus, will be pleased with you. Accept the trials like the encouragements as coming from your divine Spouse; then everything will contribute to your advancement in the way of perfection. Always prepare carefully for the lessons you have to give. That is the surest and easiest way of educating yourself... in order to perfect your writing, make your letters a little bigger.

Count also on my paternal devotedness; dear Child, you know it is founded on charity.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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