

L.S.J.M.J.

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As I did not read your letter, my dear daughter, until long after receiving it, thinking it was a complimentary letter, I have not answered, as it was right that I should do, to the request you made to me concerning your pupil from Ypres. The difficulty that you put before me being, I hope, already removed it will be useless to talk about it any more. You will forgive my mistake, my Child; you know it was founded on motives that prove to be neither against you nor against me. I am persuaded of your good feelings and that is why I showed so little haste to read what I thought was only the expressions of what I have known very well for a long time.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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