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I thank you, Mademoiselle, for the good wishes you sent me for my patronal feast day, and I pray our good God for the sentiments of filial piety your grateful heart nourishes for your benefactors.

Remain faithful to those good inclinations, and you will gather very precious fruits from them.

Before long, I count on seeing you and taking a few decisions about your plans.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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