

(The end of the letter refers to two previous pages)

Here, my dear Sister, is another matter: Sister Cecile has told me that your Reverend Mother has been unwell, that she is having leeches, etc. You know my weakness on that point. However, I have tried to see the hand of God there, as elsewhere. I wish to submit myself to the good pleasure of our heavenly Master. I have made him numerous sacrifices of desire and affection for some time. Nevertheless, if we can do anything for the health of our Rev. Mother, I think God wants us to do it. Do you think a consultation with my doctor at Ghent would be useful? I could make use of the opportunity Mlle Colette is going to offer us next week. The Reverend Mother with Sr. Henriette or Sr. Aloÿse could accompany Mlle de Brandt and return to Alost on the same day. Tell me also how the rheumatism is; I have a feeling that there is some relapse caused by the cold we have been having for about ten days. Write to me at your ease, dear Child, but let the Reverend Mother imagine that you are only writing about the matter that takes up the first two pages of my letter.

I pray God to go on giving you his lights and the peace of the Holy Spirit. Remember also in your prayers

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 3rd July 1837