

My dear Reverend Mother Clothilde

You have received from Alost, with the globe, keys that had been handed to me for you, by Mlle Hage, and our Rev. Mother at Alost must have informed you that this young lady asks you to send back to Ghent, the wicket-made basket with the lock. Here is the address of the person to whom you are to send that basket: M Raemert, clock-maker, rue des Champs.

I take this opportunity to urge you to finish the summary of your Rule, on which you were working in August. I would be pleased to receive that work when it is finished.

Your writing, my dear Superior, is becoming so small that it no longer has any character. Take care to write bigger, even in short notes, so as to spare your eyesight and not spoil your hand.

My journey, in spite of the bad weather, brought me much consolation, at your house at Brussels and at Hal. May our good God be blessed and may he deign to continue to give us his blessings. I do not stop offering him my prayers for you and your interesting house. Pray too, very dear Child for

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

(Not dated)

I have been to see our Rev. Mother at Alost, who is unwell; it is to be hoped that her indisposition will not be serious. I am also praying a good deal for Mme Bathilde so that she will respond to grace and become humble and courageous. Give my compliments to all your sisters.

I have sent Mlle Sergies of Waeke to Mouscron. There we shall see what we can do.