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Dear Sister Clothilde

I forgot if I told you that you should also learn commerce. It seems to me that you could well take advantage of the opportunity offered to you by the lessons Sisters Euphrosine and Flore are to have. Drop the history lesson that you can take up later without inconvenience.

I had the pleasure of seeing dear Brother Désiré; he dined with me on Saturday. I love that good Child; it is because he belongs to some Sister of Mary that I seem to love also. Ah! we must all love one another in our very merciful Savior Jesus Christ. It is in him and for him, as is right, that I wish to love our dear Clothilde.

Your very devoted spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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Be careful of your pronunciation and your writing. Today I was admiring ... (Second page missing)