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Here, my dear Clothilde, are some papers belonging to you. I conclude from these verses (1) that you want to love Jesus Christ solely for himself; (2) that you have only to practice writing to be able to write well. Do both, my Child, and avoid writing in such small letters as you have been doing for some time.

I am all yours in God and for God.

Your devoted spiritual Father
C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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