

Madame Superior

The very numerous occupations of my nephew Henri, and a little displeasure at seeing proposals so often made, turned upside down, are the reasons why he does not answer the last letters of Clara. He has allowed me to inform you that nothing of what has been arranged will be changed, and that on the 10th of March, Clara will return to Ghent accompanied by the person who will have brought the other three young ladies, her sisters, to you.

I wish you in advance, my dear Lady Superior, and all your good Sisters, the graces that the Lord intends for you during the month of St Joseph.

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

Ghent, 20th February 1861