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Madame Superior

I imagined, probably wrongly, that the explanations to get rid of my fear that your plan would destroy the lovely effect your avenue produces, a (illegible) had not been successful, and that you had promised me further proofs. That is what made me write the remark that you are answering.

If then my apprehensions are not founded, all is said, I do not insist. I pray that the Lord will deign to approve of your efforts to add to your premises everything that can make them more suitable to attract pupils and form them in virtue.

Your Father in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrughe

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There is a book that, it seems to me, gives explanations about the state of the religious communities of our period. It is Treatise on the religious state, or notions on the nature of that state, etc. by Rev Fr. Gaudelet, S.J., 2V in 12, Paris 1846.