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My dear daughter It seems to me that Mme Marie Charlotte is becoming more reasonable, I will say even generous and the kind of Lady of Mary that I desire.

I thought I must write to Mme Marie Louise and Mme Leontine. The hearts of these young Ladies have received a few blows that must not be overlooked, but they must be guided with great prudence like all the children who come from Mouscron, if they come from there.

You received my letters, I hope, a short one for you and one for my nieces.

Please tell Flore d'Halluin that I am very satisfied with her letter.

Your devoted Father in Jesus Christ C. G. Van Crombrugghe

22nd November 1863