Very dear Father and Mother

Mr Goethals of Courtray asked me to ask you to receive the enclosed cheque: please have the goodness to present it on receipt. If it is credited to you, a week after clearance it will be drawn on without you being warned. If on the contrary it is not credited you should complain and deal with it with Mrs Vermylen, near the Boatmen's chapel, in Antwerp.

Miss Brand seemed happy with her journey and is not entirely without hope for the school in Grammont.

I have the honour to be Your very humble servant 25th December 1819 C G Van Crombrugghe

