

24th March 1807

To Mr G Van Crombrugghe, Businessman in Grammont, Dept of the Escaut.
Mondidier, 24th March 1807

Very dear Father and Mother

I am sending you my report for this month, taking the same opportunity to satisfy a duty that must be very dear to all Christians; that is to wish you happiness on the feast of Easter that we will soon celebrate. May the Good Lord give us a share in the graces that he pours out on this day in great abundance. The same good wishes I offer for my brother Jean, my dear sisters and Aunt Huleu. I ask her to forgive me for not writing to her, and to understand that I still cannot as I getting ready to appear in the public exercises that are going to take place next week. This small exercise will finish in two days after which the ordinary crosses¹ will be distributed.

I dare to believe that you will be satisfied with François' report because he has effectively worked better this month. If I am not mistaken in my hope, I believe that it would be good to say a word about it in the next letter that you write to me as it will encourage him.

I asked you in my last letter for your wishes concerning the term; please, dear Parents, let me know as soon as possible.

You will probably be pleased if I give you some details about J Verhaeghe. In the beginning he was a little shy, as is often the case when one changes Schools; but at present he is quite happy, he is very happy to be instructed in depth about his religion, he is making a lot of progress in his studies, more so than I would have hoped. He regrets the time that he spent in his previous Schools without learning Latin, and he is beginning to see how much this language is necessary to have what is called a good education. You can judge, dear Parents, according to these few words about the son of Mr Verhaeghe, that he will be the consolation of his Father and all his family one day.

I have the honour to be

Your very submissive son

C Van Crombrugghe



¹ Prizes