To Sister Beaudemont, Superior of the Sisters of the Faith, Rue de l'Oratoire, to forward to Mr Van Crombrugghe in Amiens.

Grammont, 29th September 1808

Very dear Father and Mother

I hope that you arrived safely to see our dear sister, whom we know to be better. However the nature of her illness, according to what has been written to me, is a catalepsy, and worries me because it is a type of apoplexy. Nevertheless I have much hope; today's letter tells me that she is more or less in the same state as on Saturday, and I hope things will be better tomorrow.

All goes well here; nothing extraordinary has happened; up to now we have managed everything. We wait for your news with impatience. Be sure, very dear Parents, that we will try to acquit ourselves as best we can of our duties, and that we won't cease to pray to God for our dear sister.

Not having anything else to tell you at present, we ask you to take care of yourselves and to give us your blessing. Our Aunts Huleu and De Bakker come to see us often, as do all the family; the whole town is concerned for our dear sister.

Farewell, very dear Parents, I call myself for always Your devoted son C Van Crombrugghe

