

26th March 1817

Mr Van Crombrugge, Dealer in Lace, in Grammont

My very dear Parents

It is really too long since I wrote to you; although I was able to present you with my compliments through the good offices of my two brothers from Grammont, I am going to speak to you briefly by letter until I can do so face to face during the holidays. I first thank you for the help that you gave my Aunt Spitaels; I assure you that your gift was very welcome. I will also ask to want to pay for this term at our cousin's boarding School in Hunneghem; I will repay the money at Easter with great gratitude. I am happy to see that I will shortly have a few free days and I will be able to come and enjoy your company and take a rest in the family home. Although the six months of the school year appeared very short this year, I confess nevertheless that a little recreation will be useful and pleasant. I plan therefore, if it is pleasing to God, to come to you on the Wednesday of Easter in order to have the longest stay possible. While waiting for this happy moment I wish you every blessing for the end of Lent and for the august Feast of the Resurrection. Please accept, dear Parents, the respectful and sincere sentiments of

Your very devoted and submissive son

Alost, 26th March 1817

C Van Crombrugge, Priest and Director of the College

My regards, I pray you, to Rosalie, Charlotte and to my brothers. Please also be the messenger of my good wishes to my Aunt Huleu.

