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I am putting off replying to what you asked me in your preceding letter, until the time when leisure allows me to take more care about it than I could at present. Meanwhile, my dear daughter, put into practice what I advised you in person.

I am very consoled by what you tell me about your pupils, your dear Sisters and the Reverend Father D. Be generous yourself with God, and go straight in all your ways, but always with prudence.

Your ever devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 5th July 1853