

Malines, 25th September 1810

No address.

My dear Nephew,

I imagine that my letter will find you returned from your trip to France and in good health. I am hurrying to send you the notebook which you seemed to want when you were here. Nevertheless I ask you not to spend too much time on this to the detriment of the time you should spend studying. Let it serve as a spiritual recreation so that your mind remains free for your other occupations.

I hope that you found your parents in good health: mine remains good although I have been unable to leave the Seminary which is full of workmen. It is hardly recognisable as I have made so many changes. Everything I asked the Prefect for has been agreed: I will even have a garden next year. The demolition of several small buildings will start in a few days' time.

Please give my good wishes to your dear parents, to my dear sister, to your brothers and sisters and to all the family.

My dear daughters greet you and pray for you. I say Mass for them each day in the chapel. I commend myself and my daughters to your prayers.

I have the honour to be, with esteem and affection,

My dear nephew,

Your very humble servant,

JG Huleu