

My dear Sir,

Maison Blondel,

Route de Rouen,

Nonfleur, France.

September 11. 1840.

Since we left Ghent (on the 19<sup>th</sup> May last) we have been moving from City to City, and have at length taken up our residence in this place for a Season, principally on account of its vicinity to the sea, in order to give my son William, who has been much out of health, the benefit of Sea bathing. - He has been with us some weeks, and I am happy to say, that he is considerably better than he was when he arrived here. This part of Normandy displays a very fine Country; and we are much delighted with it. - Our situation, which is nearly at the mouth of the Seine, is remarkable for its beauty and salubrity; and I am sure (you would admire and enjoy it.)

We have visited Lisle, Arras, Amiens, Rouen and other places of lesser note, in our various routes, and seen the principal curiosities they offer for inspection; of all of which, the Cathedrals of Amiens, and Rouen are preeminent for grandeur and beauty. - The Cathedral



of Amiens is indeed a magnificent structure of pure Gothic; - that of Rouen is also very fine; but more sombre: being entirely of Norman Architecture.

Mr Wright and my Daughters Emma, Fanny, and Maria, are, I am happy to say, all in the enjoyment of excellent health; which I think you will be gratified to hear.

We are all very anxious to know whether you have obtained the Gold Medal from the Society of Beaux Arts at Antwerp for your Poem, and how your "Vandeville" "The Humanities of Rubens" was received by the Antwerpers on the occasion of the late Fete. We read the accounts of the Fete in the Public Newspapers, but have looked in vain for the result of your labors; for which we have, I assure you, felt very anxious; knowing, from the uncertainty of public taste, that tho' success may be deserved, it cannot always be commanded. Highly appreciating, as we all do, your varied talents; we trust that your exertions to gratify the public feeling, on the interesting occasion, have met their merited reward; and I may be permitted to add, that from "past recollections" we shall always be happy to hear of your success.

Mr Wright and my Daughters unite with me in best wishes, for your health and happiness.

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Yours most sincerely,

Wm Wright

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Gand.





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 Monsieur Van Duyse,  
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