

Letter 040  
Paris, 30 September 1875

Dear Theo,

With this letter I am sending you the book by Michel that I promised you, an etching after the "Marguerite" by Scheffer, a lithograph after Corot and a packet of chocolate.

I know quite well that your life is not easy just now, boy, but stay firm and keep up your courage: it is sometimes necessary "not to dream, not to sigh."

You know "thou art not alone, but thy Father is with thee."

With a firm handshake,

You loving brother, Vincent

Please keep the etching after Rembrandt that goes with this letter, and the photographs of the pictures by Corot and Jules Breton which I sent before, till Father and Mother are well settled at Etten, and then send them; that will be about the end of November.