

Letter 062
Ramsgate, 21 April 1876

Dear Theo,

Enclosed you will find a postal order of ten shillings and an advertisement for Anna.

Be so kind as to have it put in any paper you think best. If it is not enough, I shall send you the rest, and if it is too much, buy some photographs with it and send them to Etten on May 21 [their parent's silver wedding], but at all events tell me how much you paid for the advertisement and where it was placed, in case I should need to do it again.

Today, Mr. Stokes has returned. He is a man of medium height; he is completely bald, and wears whiskers. They say that the boys respect him, but they love him just the same; ten hours after he arrived, they were playing marbles with him.

We often go to the beach; this morning I helped the boys make a sandcastle, like we used to make in the garden at Zundert.

I wish you could catch a look out of the windows of the school. The residence looks out on a square (all the houses in this square look the same, it's often the case here), in the middle of which is a large lawn enclosed by an iron fence and lined with lilacs. This is where the boys play at midday. The house where I have my room is in the same square.

When I was in Rotterdam and heard that I had a long wait, I was on the point of coming to The Hague; I even went to the station. Yet I did not go. Later on I hope to see everything and everybody there with a calmer eye.

I shall never forget leaving those at home on Good Friday. In the morning we went to church at the Hoeve¹ and received communion; Father's text was, "Arise, let us go hence."

And in the afternoon we did arise, and from the carriage window I saw Father and our little brother standing on the road, looking after the train.

And Sunday afternoon I was at the church in Ramsgate, and there I was struck by the words on the wall which you will find in Anna's letter (which I enclose).

Compliments to Roos and to everybody who may ask after me. A firm handshake from

Your loving brother, Vincent

1. A little village in the neighbourhood of Etten.