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PERSONAL LETTER from Benoit St. Clair in St. Martinville to his
nephew, Paul Declouet at Louisiana College in Convent, La.
St. Martin Parish, November 28, 1854

My dear Paul,

I have received through the mail the day before yesterday your little letter dated the 22nd of this month which gave me the greatest pleasure, so you see, my dear boy, that I do not delay answering. You are asking me details about the cane harvest. I will tell you that we have constantly a fine weather, that the refinery is superb but that, last night, we had ice which, I am afraid will make us lose some canes. Luckily, we have cut canes over about a hundred arpents. We have received the day before yesterday a letter from Blanche (your sister). She was feeling very well and enjoys a great deal being at the Convent (Sacred Heart Academy at Grand Coteau, La.). I believe her mother (Marie Louise Benoit Declouet) will go to see her before long.

Nothing is new here, every one is all right with the exception of Henri, my son Tatu (/) who had a little fever yesterday. I hope however, that it will not be anything. Everybody wants me to kiss you.

Good bye, my dear big boy, believe in the affection of

Your uncle,

B. St. Clair

P. S. When you see your cousin Fery, tell him that I have not forgotten him.