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PERSONAL LETTER from Henriette St. Clair in St. Martinville,
to her nephew, Alexander Declouet, Jr. at Louisiana College in Convent, La.
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My dear Clouet,

This morning, I received your second letter. I had received the first one a few days ago. I had so many little things to do and the doctor had forbidden me to fatigue myself, therefore, I postponed writing to you day after day, finally, this morning when my letter was brought to me, my conscience told me that I should answer Clouet who, for several days has been writing to me without any success. He is going to believe that I am angry with him.

I took care of your errand and I shall mail your pipe tomorrow at 8 in the morning through the Laurell Hill. I don't know if you will be pleased with it. Edmond (my son) chose it. I would like to see you smoking a pipe, I shall bring one to St. Clair, you will enjoy it together. I shall write to you a longer letter another time. I am writing on my lap and with a lamp, it tires me. Henri is sending you a thousand kisses. Embrace my dear Paul (your brother) for me. My brother Henri sends his greetings. I found him very sensible. Ceci, Lalie, Marie and Nathalie and Odalie kiss you. Marie is constantly at theaters, concerts, balls, etc.; she stays with my uncle who spoils her a great deal. Yeyete is always with her, so I have not been to the house yet. Lalie's rabbit had 7 little ones this morning, so it makes her a grandmother. My sisters told me that they answered you each time you wrote. They are telling you to write to them sometime and not to forget them. Goodbye, dear nephews, I kiss you with all my heart. All of them are feeling well at Mrs. Nee's.

Henriette St. Clair.

Handwritten in French. In 1980 original owned by Mrs. Marty Sims of Nederland, Texas.