1857 Feb. 17. PERSONAL LETTER written this date at the convent (Sacred Heart Academy) at Grand Coteau by Blanche deClouet to her brother Alexander at Brookland School (a school for boys at Greenwood Depot, Va.

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February 17, 1857

My dear brother

Letter
by
Blanche
deClouet
at Grand
Coteau
to her
brother
Alexander
at
Brookland
School,
Virginia.

Several days ago I received your letter which gave me great pleasure. Forgive me if I don't write you more often as I wanted to give you news from home, but as I had not had any for a long time I wasn't able to write to you. Tell Paul that I will write to him next week and perhaps by then I will be able to tell him that I have had the pleasure of kissing Gabi and Christine for him as he asked me to do in his letter. I will do it for you, too. Since you left I have not seen Papa but I have had news from home through Gussey who came to bring me some things which I had asked Mamma for. I even thought that Papa was at home. I had written him several times. It wasn't until Mamma sent me the things that I'd asked for that I learned that Papa had returned to New Orleans. That's why he didn't come, but he must be at home now, as Mamma had sent me the message that he was to return last Monday. I assure you I am waiting for him with great impatience. I wait for him every day and Mamma, too. You tell me that you have not received letters from home nor from me however I have written you several times. As for the house, I am not surprised for you know Mamma does not write. She always says that she is too busy and that Papa is not there.

Goodby dear Alexandre. Kiss Paul for me.

Your sister who loves you with all her heart.

Blanche de Clouet Student of the Sacred Heart 1857 Feb. 17, Cont'd. Original written in French and on file at Tulane University. Translated by Tulane University, November 1968.

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