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PERSONAL LETTER from J. B. Lalaine at Georgetown College in
Washington D. C., to his friend, Alexandre Declouet, Jr. at Brookland
Academy in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.
Georgetown College D. C., April 20, 1857

T. B. FAVROT
COLLECTION

My dear Kaite,

You must have asked yourself more than once what this devil of a
Bavo is doing that he can't write. I assure you my dear friend that it is not
my fault that I haven't answered your kind letter before this. Although it wa
a holiday during Holy Week it was impossible for me even to write home, so
you see that we can't do as we like in a Jesuit college. For the least thing
a student is expelled.

I am happy to tell you that Albert is well although the doctor does
not allow him out of his room. And Ratien packed his baggage this morning
and is leaving in a few moments or tomorrow morning at the latest, he
suddenly got the idea that he wanted to go to Louisiana, and is coming back
in September but I doubt it. Father Rocofort has been here for three or
four weeks, teaching French. We go and visit him often, he speaks to us
about you and what used to go on at Grand Coteau (Catholic College in
Louisiana). He likes Mr. Parallas very much. Now I must say goodbye,
my love to Paul (Declouet) and the others.

Your friend who loves you very much and for always,

Bavo or J. B. Lalaine

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