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PERSONAL LETTER from Claire Nee in Tippicanal, to her cousin  
Alexander Declouet, Jr. at Brookland Academy in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.  
Tippicanal, October 6, 1857

My dear Cousin,

A few days ago only, I received your letter of August 11 which without any doubt had been mislaid in some post office. It is with pleasure that I had news from you and from Paul (your brother).

Your letter as you had surmised found me at Narcisse's. I transmitted your regards to all the family which appreciated it a great deal.

Stanislas also had been at his parents' for 6 weeks. He went back yesterday and I think that he must have resumed his classes this morning. He is still in town as a day scholar at the Jesuits' college.

I regret not to be able to give you very recent news of your dear parents. You know that they do not like writing much. I know they are in good health. We often hear from them indirectly but I cannot give you such details you would like to have; I am deprived of them myself, my godfather is so busy, Your mother never wants to make up her mind to write, so it is very seldom I receive a letter from them.

You are not speaking much about Paul? I hope he will be willing to let me hear from him. As to yourself I was happy to see that you were not angry with me for not answering your winter letter, and as to the last one, don't charge me with neglect, it came to me only three days ago. I would like to believe that correspondance will be more regular in the future.

We had few diseases this year. It is only lately there have been some cases of yellow fever in New Orleans; St. James parish remained very sanitary.

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Mama (Marie Claire Benoit Nee) is here. Her health is good. It is the same for all of us. Caroline's (my sister) children are growing. They often speak about you as we all do. We will see you again with joy and pleasure. Hurry up in your studies in order to come back among us.

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Your cousin (my sister) Caroline requests from you a little letter and even, if you have time, a long one would afford her still more pleasure she wants you to know. Mama and Caroline kiss you in a friendly way and also the children.

My brother (Louis Erasmi Nee) and Mr. St. Jacques send their greetings and are expecting you to have some good parties with them.

Farewell, my dear cousin, with all my heart I kiss you and Paul.

Your affectionate cousin,

Claire Nee