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PERSONAL LETTER from Bavo Lalaine at Georgetown College in Washington D. C., to his friend, Alexander Declouet, Jr. at Brookland Academy in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.

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My dear Alec,

I do not believe that it was either indifference or negligence which prevented me to write or rather to answer more promptly your letters. My studies claim my attention and often I see myself remaining a week before writing home. But, after all, it is better late than ever.

I shall begin by telling you why I always forgot to give you Mr. Gilbert's address. It is because every time I was writing to you the bell, either to go to the chapel or to the dormitory, obliged me to stop writing and without thinking I hastened to close in order not to be late for any of the places mentioned above. Be sure that I will not give you the trouble to freshen up my memory on this point another time. You will find the address at the top of the fourth page. I have a piece of news to announce to you. Octave and another student of the University came to see us about a week ago. It seems to me that Octave is still the same with the difference that he speaks English much better than he used to do. They found the Museum of the College admirable and the Library produced the same effect upon them. However, they would not belong to Georgetown College even if they were given millions.

If I can I shall go to see you during the Christmas vacation but, beforehand, I want to know if this would not inconvenience Mr. Dinwiddie and also if you do not expect to leave your boarding school that week. Although I was not lucky enough to know your friend Ganucheau, offer him my respects and kiss my dear little Paul (your brother) and tell him to write to me.

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Farewell, my dear Kaite, I am for ever your sincere and devoted  
friend,

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