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PERSONAL LETTER to Alexandre Declouet, Jr. at Brookland Academy in Greenwood Depot, Virginia, from his sister Blanche Declouet at the Sacred Heart Convent in Grand Coteau.

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Dear Brother,

You will no doubt think I have turned out to be a real American for since my return I have not addressed you in any other language you would be delighted were it true. But I can assure you it is not the case. I cannot bear English but duty compells me to write English and nothing else for I much prefer french. I heard from home a few days ago, the hooping cough is among the servants. I often pray that you may return soon may the year 1858 not pass without I have the pleasure of seeing you in the family circle this is the wish your sister forms for you both for I know how anxious you are to get home - my most fervent prayer will be to obtain this favor for you.

Adieu dear Brothers (Alexandre and Paul) may the choicest blessings be showered upon you both.

I remain your affectionate sister

Blanche Declouet

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