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PERSONAL LETTER written this date at New Orleans by
S. M. Darby, Jr. to Alexander DeClouet at Brookland School (a school
for boys at Greenwood Depot, Va.).

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COLLECTION

New Orleans

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My dear Clouet (Alexander)

Letter
written
by S. M.
Darby, Jr.
to
Alexander
DeClouet.

Yesterday I received a letter from your Father who has had
no news from you for several weeks and this leaves both him and your
Mother very worried, because of the typhoid fever which exists at the
University of Virginia and which could spread to your school. I request
that you write him without delay; and especially that you do it more often
than usual as long as this sickness exists as they will constantly be wor-
ried. If you have been writing promptly, up to now your letters have
not been reaching us, so you would do well if you would send one as soon
as you get this one. Let me know to whom I could wire in case we need
to give or request news. Send, upon receipt of this letter, a message
by telegram, if this is possible, to Darby and Tremoulet, New Orleans,
to calm your parents immediately and then write once a week as long as
there is reason to be worried. All the family was well on the 16th, the
date of the last letter from Declouet which I received today. Blanche is
well, too; she wrote to Constance a few days ago.

My family is also well, and I like to believe that this finds you
in good health also, which I wish with all my heart.

Best wishes to Paul, and I am

Sincerely yours

S. M. Darby, Jr.

Original written in French and on file at Tulane University.