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Feb. 20 PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet at Sacred Heart Convent  
in Grand Coteau, La., to her brother, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in  
Greenwood Depot, Virginia.

Grand Coteau, February 20, 1858

Dear Paul,

For a long time, I have been expecting a letter from you, but not receiving it, I am making up my mind to write to you. I wrote to Alexander (our brother) lately. Tell him to answer me as for a rather long time, I have not heard from you. I hope that you also will answer me. Next week, Mama (Marie Louise Benoit Declouet) will send me my clothes. I shall try to write to you in order to give you news from home. The last ones I have received were good. Can you believe that Papa (Alexander Declouet) did not come to see me a single time. Mama came once, I am afraid that this visit will not be renewed often. Monday and Tuesday we had a holiday during the whole afternoon. We had a very good time.

Goodbye, dear Paul, kiss Alexander for me.

Your sister who loves you,

Blanche Declouet

Handwritten in French. Original on file at Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.