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PERSONAL LETTER written this date at Springhill by J. de Paradie to Alexander deClouet at Brookland School, (a school for boys at Greenwood Depot, Va.).

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COLLECTION

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Dear Alexander

I received your good letter a century ago, but I am so busy that I have not been able to find a moment until today to answer you. I suppose that you are still in good health; Paul, too. I would like to send you a little bit of the heat which we are already beginning to feel here in order to warm up that beautiful ice which surrounds you. I guess you already know how to ice skate in your snow country and that you are an excellent ice skater by now, even though the results cost a few falls, didn't they? We don't have this pleasure here, it's a pity.

I suppose that you are up to date on all the news of politics and that I can't tell you anything about it. Besides, there isn't very much right now except that France and England are making faces at each other. Be careful of the bombs if they start hitting each other.

I don't know if you have seen in the papers a very wild story. It seems that a French engineer, Mr. Savarin, has found the way to travel through the air. It said that he had an air ship built and that he went from Paris to Algiers and from Algiers to Paris in 18 hours and that soon he will go from LeHavre to New York in 48 hours. He travels 100 miles per hour. If all this is true, goodbye to distances; we could travel around the world in 8 days. That's when I will go see you often.

Goodbye, my dear, charming Alexandre; kiss Paul for me and remember that I am devotedly

Your sincere friend

J. de Paradie

Letter
written
by J. de
Paradie
to
Alexander
de Clouet.