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PERSONAL LETTER written this date by Blanche deClouet at the convent (Sacred Heart Academy) at Grand Coteau to her brother Alexander at Brookland School (a school for boys at Greenwood Depot, Va.

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Letter

written

Blanche deClouet

to her brother

by

Grand Coteau

April 11, 1858

## Dear Alexandre

I received with great pleasure your letter of March 28. I understand, dear brother, that time is long for you. I, who am so near my dear parents in comparison with you, I am still always worried, but as Daddy tells me we should understand that if parents have sent us away from them it is only for our good. I had the pleasure of seeing Daddy a few days ago for the first time in five months. We talked about you for a long time. I must tell you something which will make you very Alexander. happy. Daddy is going to go see you this month. I am happy for you for your pleasure in seeing him after 15 months of separation. Daddy was supposed to bring Christine to see me, but Aunt Tonton kept her because she was going on a pleasure trip like you used to have -- she was going fishing in Little Bayou and Christine let herself be tempted, even though she wanted to come see me. Daddy went to an auction not far from here. I can't tell you what he bought unless it was a little negro who amused him very much. We had the exams and the little prizes last week. I received a for application in my French

class. At this time there are only two prizes in each class, the good

conduct prize and that for application. Classes resumed Tuesday.

1858 Goodbye, dear brother, I share your sadness, but I hope thatApril 11,Cont'd. it will change to joy soon. Kiss Paul for me, and tell him that I received

his letter.

T. B. FAVROT

Your sister who kisses you tenderly

Blanche de Clouet

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