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PERSONAL LETTER from Louise Declouet in St. Martinville, to her son, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.
St. Martinville, April 21, 1858

My dear Paul,

A few days ago, I received your letter of March 28 and I would have answered sooner if I was not so lazy when it comes to writing. I also took a trip over there, since that time I was prevented from writing. Noemi had a little girl on April 2. I believe they intend to call her Suzette. It was the name of Noemi's mother. The latter has been very sick with an eruptive fever but she is better now. Mrs. Chevalier is still at the Attakapas. Every one over there is well. Your little uncle (Jean Baptiste Benoit, my brother) complains that you have completely forgotten him or that you became too lazy to write to him. I think, my dear Paul, that you have been careful enough not to go to the University with the bad fever being there. For my part, I forbid you to do so. If you wish to save us from much worry you will not go there at all for a long time, especially you, my dear child. You are exactly at the age when one catches fever, so avoid it as much as possible. I have not yet given your message to Mrs. Voorhies. I have not seen them since I received your letter but I will not fail to do it when I have a chance. I shall tell you that Felix is supposed to get married. I don't know if it is sure, it is rumoured. Albert Martin asked about you, he says that he took care of you at Grand Coteau. He pretends that he pitied you as for a long time you were the smallest boy in the College. He spoke of both of you with a great deal of interest. He also is married and even had a little boy a long time ago. He had married a sister of Mr. Alcibiade Deblanc. He lives now at Breaux Bridge where he has a store in partnership with one of