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PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet at Sacred Heart Academy in Grand Coteau, to her brother, Alexander Declouet, Jr. at Brookland Academy in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.
Grand Coteau, June 8, 1858

Dear Alexander,

I have received with the greatest pleasure two letters from you at the same time, or almost. I did not answer the first one immediately because I was expecting news from home and I wanted to give you some. Everyone is well at home except Aunt Tonton (Josephine Declouet de l'Homme) who is a little sick. Noemie also again had several fainting spells but I hope she will recover soon.

I, also, dear brother, will suffer not to see again the old house, but I believe it is the reason Mama (Marie Louise Benoit Declouet) has not come to see me for so long. Now it is so hot that this dear Mother perhaps will not be able to come before vacations; but as you will be home, then, I hope you will come as soon as you arrive. How great will be the pleasure to see you again after such a long separation. I beg you to ask Monsieur Paul (our brother) if he has forgotten me as I do not hear from him any more, however, I try to excuse him thinking he has many lessons to learn and many excercises to write. Tell him that I, also, have plenty.

Goodbye, dear Alexander, nothing new to tell you. Kiss Paul for me

Your sister who kisses you,

Blanche Declouet

Handwritten in French. In 1980 original owned by Mrs. Marty Sims of Nederland, Texas.

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