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

Grand Coteau, the 26th of January, 1859

Dear Paul,

You perhaps think that I forget you because since my return to the
convent I have written to you but once: it is because you do not write to me.
I was thinking of not writing to you before I receive a letter from you but
afterward I excused you; and I cannot remain any longer without entertaining
myself with you. Tell Alexander (Declouet) that I am impatiently expecting
what he promised to send me. It is unless, dear Paul, to tell you that I apply
myself; but, I will speak to you of my English class. I love it pretty well,
with the exception of a book that I cannot bear; it is from I must
reflect in order to understand it and I do not know how to reflect; but I study
it very hard any hour and I think that after a while I will succeed in learning
it well. There are also some duties that do not please me at all; for instance,
a supposed letter; I do not know how to compose a letter and this is the
reason why I do not write to you oftener.

Adieu dear Paul, kiss Alexander for me.

Your affectionate sister,

Blanche Declouet

Handwritten in English. The original on file at Dupre Library at the
University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.