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PERSONAL LETTER from Alexander Declouet to his son, Paul
Declouet, attached to his report card.

March 15th, 1859

My dear Son,

I have written to you but a few days ago. That will not do! Only three classes and in one of them deficient! I cannot well say how mortified and chagrined I am. If all the sacrifices I am making for your education are to result in next to nothing I shall certainly be at a loss to know what to do. Do try and do better and more. I do hope that I will not see "absent from recitations" any more on your reports.

Farewell, I am grieved and cannot say more.

Your father and best friend,

Alexander Declouet

Report card printed and handwritten in English. Letter handwritten in English. Original on file at Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.