

(1859
Aug.)*

PERSONAL LETTER from Christine Declouet in St. Martinville, to her brother, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia, followed by a note from his sister, Gabrielle Declouet.

St. Martinville (August, 1859)

Dear Paul,

I am so anxious to see you here. Uncle St. Marcs came here on Saturday with Constance Aimee and Marie Frere.

Gabrielle (our sister) is going to send you some chocolate, send us some macaroons.

You know in order to punish William they put on his head a bell which rings each time he walks.*

Marcia wants to know if sometime you think of her tag. Miss Laurent sends her greetings. She has only one eye because Quaitte (Alexander, our brother) did not protect her from a spark.* You can imagine how pretty she is with her black eye!

Blanche (our sister) says "Good day" and kisses you, so do I

Christine Declouet

(In the handwriting of Gabrielle Declouet)

Dear Paul,

I kiss you with all my heart. I would love to see you,

Gabrielle Declouet

*In a letter dated August 29, 1859, Alexander refers to William's punishment and to the spark that hit Miss Laurent's eye.

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