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PERSONAL LETTER from Alexander Declouet, Jr. in New Orleans,  
to his brother, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.  
New Orleans, January 13, 1860

My dear Paul,

Before our departure from the house, I received your letter of December 29. All the family arrived here yesterday afternoon. I expect to go to St. James the day after tomorrow, Sunday morning, by the Kenner. I shall land at Mr. Sarcipe's property and from there I shall go to Uncle Ferry and to the college. A few days before I left, Octave Delahoussaye came to the house to see me. He is now a lawyer. He lives in Franklin.

I have not seen Arthur Simon yet. Agricole is here with his mother. I must go to Havana in a few weeks. Perhaps I shall also go to Mobile. Nothing new to tell you. I could not go to the theater last night.

Goodbye, I am leaving right away to get a ticket for the Opera with Agricole. Write often.

Your brother,

Alexander Declouet, Jr.

Handwritten in French. Original on file in Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.