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PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet in St. Martinville to  
her brother, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.  
St. Martin, Wednesday, February 29, 1860

First of the Ember Days. Do not forget not to eat meat. Miss Laurent is  
calling your attention to this.

Dear Paul,

When I received your last letter we were going to live the town. It  
is the reason I did not answer to you. We arrived here since last week and  
we went to Aunt Tonton's (Josephine Declouet de l'Homme). She is well and  
every body there also, Noemie has a little boy, Mama (Marie Louise Benoit  
Declouet) will be his godmother and Alexander Delhomme is his godfather.  
They did not name him yet. We commenced our school Monday. All the  
furniture of the house are arrived, and they are placing them now. Papa  
(Alexander Declouet) bought them at Mr. McCracken who sent a man to  
arrange them and to place the mats. All will be finish in a few days. Papa  
bought a pretty little library for you and one for Quaitte (Alexander, our  
brother). Also, your room will be in the new house with Quaitte. I suppose  
you know that he arrived, he wrote to you yesterday, he is as fat as a thief.

Adieu dear Paul, my intention was to write you a longer letter than  
that but it will be for an other time when I will write to you in french. All  
the family kiss you and Miss Laurent also. Your sister and friend,

Blanche Declouet

P. S. Miss Laurent is asking you if you could not send her a remedy to cure  
her sore foot, she is distressed about her foot.

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