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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. Martinville, March 30, 1860

Dear Paul,

When I read your last letter of the 9th of March it surprises me very much to see that you reproached me for having not written to you oftener. If you think that I have more time to write than every body here you are mistaken, and I am sure that you know better than that. I think it is useless to give you some news of our trip to New Orleans as you ask me, for I do it when we first arrive here. Last Tuesday we have had the pleasure to see Aunt Catiche (Marie Louise Declouet Lastrapes). Mama (Marie Louise Benoit) engaged her very much to pass the night with us but she would not.

Quaite (Alexander Declouet, Jr.) was about these last days. He went at Aunt Tonton's (Josephine Declouet de) to tell them good bye for he is going to leave, perhaps Sunday for New Orleans. He will stay there a few days to procure himself some letters of recommendation for France. I suppose that Quaite/will bring you your cigars, if he has not sent them yet. I think that Papa (Alexander Declouet) has sent your barrel of syrup since long time, perhaps it has been lost if you have not receive it yet. I will tell with pain that the poor old Julie, our good mule, is dead. Gabie (Gabrielle Declouet) is waiting the answer of her long letter to you. Christine (Declouet) tell you that she will write to you next week for this week she wrote to Uncle Nee (Louis Erasmi Nee?) and that it is enough for the moment.

Adieu dear Paul. We are waiting with impatience the time of your vacations. Your affectionate sister, Blanche Declouet

P. S. Miss Laurent sends her regards.

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