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PERSONAL LETTER from Christine Declouet in St. Martinville, to
her brother, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.
St. Martinville, (December 6, 1860)

My dear Paul,

I am so anxious to see you. Answer my letter as I wrote to you three times but received only one letter from you. Our dear little Corinne (our sister) is well. She is getting very fat. If you saw her you would not recognize her. A Miss Favrot came here last Saturday with her brother and then a little sister. It was to send her to the Grand Coteau Convent. The eldest one is called Aurore and her little sister is called Octavine. As to the gentleman, he is called Didier. All of them remain in Baton Rouge. Guese went to bring them to Tonton's (Josephine Declouet de l'Homme) and when he returned, he told us that Mimi's (Henriette LeBreton Benoit, our aunt) daughter (Arthemise Marie) was sick. They believe it was her head that hurt. You told me to write to you in English, but I don't know when I shall be able to do it. I had forgotten to tell you other things heard through Guese: Noe's children were ill and then old Marie Baviere is completely paralysed.

Goodbye, my good Paul, I kiss you heartily,

Christine Declouet

*In a letter dated Dec. 6, 1860, Blanche refers to the visit from the Favrot's.

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