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PERSONAL LETTER from Gabrielle Declouet in St. Martinville, to
Feb. 16 her brother, Paul Declouet at Brookland School in Greenwood Depot, Virginia.
St. Martinville, February 16, 1861

My dear little brother,

I should have answered sooner but laziness kept me from doing it. I pulled one of my teeth, now I am a hundred times uglier than before. A lady came to ask Mama (Louise Benoit Declouet) permission to cross the bridge in order to go to Mr. Joseph Gondard's. Mrs. Balthazar had a little boy on February 13; Yine is ill. Mama sent Felicite to the enclosure. There was a deluge here. Caye was all upset.

Mr. Johon enlarged his garden. Christine (our sister) and I wrote our letters on the gallery. We have started eating asparagus. Eleven geese were stolen from Mama.

I put in the beginning of my letter "my dear little brother" because Miss Laurent told me to put for you "my dear brother" and for Quait (Alexander, our brother) "my dear big brother".

Goodbye my dear little brother. I kiss you with all my heart.

Gabrielle Declouet