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PERSONAL LETTER from George Henry Declouet at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, to his aunt, Blanche Declouet in St. Martinville.

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My dear Aunt,

Your good and affectionate letter reached me and the pleasure it gave me was so great that I hasten to answer it. You can be sure that I shall do all that is in my power to take advantage of it.

We had a magnificent weather here today. I am already half accustomed here and I believe that I shall be very pleased with my new home. The food here is very good. Tell Papa (Paul Declouet) that I think of him at each meal. I am very well satisfied with the University. Here are the names of my professors: for Latin, Mr. Fay; for Greek, Mr. Hogue; for English, Mr. Vont and for mathematics, Mr. Pratt.

In my next letter, I shall tell you how many classes I have to attend every day.

Lexington is not very large. I have just written to Naine Vige (Edwige my aunt). I did not give her any detail so I count on you to enlighten her about what happened.

How do all of you feel? Excuse me if I am not writing a longer letter but it is late and I am tired. Kiss all the family for me and believe in your devoted nephew's sincere affection.

G. H. Declouet

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