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PERSONAL LETTER from George Henry Declouet at Washington &
Lee University in Lexington, Va., to his aunt, Blanche Declouet in St. Martinville
May 5, 1894

My dear Aunt,

It seems to me that I have not written to you for a century. Certainly I would not have made you wait so long for an answer if it had been possible for me to do otherwise. The weather is splendid here, unfortunately the hot weather has already started. For two or three days, my eyes began to hurt me. I hope that it will not be too serious. I am thinking of writing to Dr. Marmion about my eyes. If I go to Washington, I think I will do better to go to consult him again. Tell Papa (Paul Declouet) that I received his letters the other day and that I shall write to him soon. Thank him for the money he sent me.

Tell Tine (Christine, your sister), Coco (Corinne, your sister), Vigette (Edwige, my sister) and Lizette (my sister) that I hope they will leave a few fish in the bayou for me.

Excuse me, dear aunt, for ending my letter so abruptly because I am very tired. Kiss the family for me and believe in your devoted nephew's sincere affection.

G. H. Declouet

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