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PERSONAL LETTER from Blanche Declouet at the Sacred Heart Convent in Grand Coteau, La., to her brother, Paul Declouet at Louisiana College in Convent, La.

Grand Coteau, (Feb. , 1856)

My dear Paul,

I have not received any news from home since the school reopened. Alexander (our brother) wrote to me. I answered him. I don't know if he has received my letter. I am so anxious to see both of you. I wrote to Papa (Alexander Declouet), to Mama (Marie Louise Benoit Declouet), also to my aunt Tonton (Josephine Declouet de l'Homme) and to my aunt St. Clair (Henriette Lebreton Benoit), to Mama. No one has answered me yet. I shall write to Papa in English as I know it will give him a great pleasure to receive a letter in English from me. My teacher is Mrs. Roman for both classes, English and French. She is very kind to me as are all my teachers. I think you must be preparing to make your first communion. I have been selected to make mine. I have just received two letters from Alexander. It seems that he had not received mine, yet I had written to him. Remember me to Alexander. Tell him that I shall write to him next week. This week, I shall write to Papa.

Good bye dear brother.

Your sister who loves you with all her heart,

Blanche Declouet

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