

New York 12<sup>th</sup> day in Lent  
1888.

Col<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Preston  
Johnston,  
Dear Col,<sup>l</sup>

I wrote you on the 22<sup>d</sup>, in regard to the carpet for the 'Memorial room' which is to be taken up to\_day, and packed and shipped to you; it can be made a beautiful covering, for the center of the floor, called here—"Islands"—

I received from Mr James Pott your printed letter to me which I inclose and which I wrote you, I had taken to him, for the ten books you desired; and received a note from him he had sent you a list of ten, which he had selected. I think you can rely on Mr James Pott's wisdom and judgement. Last night was the coldest of the season, to\_day is bright and bracing, but biting cold. Hoping you are in the full enjoyment of health & happiness

Very Sin<sup>l</sup>y,  
Jo. L Newcomb