

"39 Broad St." N.Y. Tues'y in Holy Week
1888.

Col^l W^m P. Johnston

Dear Col^l,

Your last letter of the 22^d I received on the fifth day after it was mailed. I have also yours of the 8th that was nearly ten days, — but that was owing to the blizzard; doubtless you saw by the papers, of its severity & disastrous effects:— it is the first I have ever seen, & never want to see another—, an old N. Yorker told me the other day, such a winter & Spring, has never been known in N.Y. I am very

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glad the carpet arrived safe, but very sorry you did not wait to have the frescoing done to match ^{^it} as it is very beautiful, & would have saved the "buying of one,"— as you wrote me, when I wrote you I had a carpet & curtains, for the "Memorial room"—: what are you going now, to do with mine? it is too handsome, to be used as a thorough fare. M^r James Pott is very sorry, about the 'list of books' thinking you desired them to be sent to you. You will please make my thanks

& compliments to Miss Avery, for wishing me to be present at the nuptials of her marriage, & say to her for me, may ever both of you, receive God's richest & choicest blessings, are my sincere wishes. I wrote you on the 24th also M^{rs} D^r R—, of the loss of my valued friend M^r W^m H. Pomroy, who died on the 22^d with pneumonia.

With best wishes for all you deserve and desire, truly and sincerely

Jo. L. Newcomb.