New York $Dec^{r} 8^{th}/90$.

Dear Col,

Your letter of the 3^d was truly welcome & gratifying, being o<u>n</u>ly marred to know of Mrs J's loss, to whom please give my love &sympathies. Knowing how your letter would please Mr B. C. W, I sent it to him, who will be as happy as I am, to hear your funds, fully met the bills for the additions &improvements to the H.S.N. M. College. When ent<u>ir</u>ely finished in all its beauty, then it must be fotografed. I wish with you, we too here, could share your beauteous weather. Am so glad to hear such hopeful news of D^r R, with kindest regards to Mrs R & himself, it only proves the effect of surroundings & associations. There was but a short account of Miss Preston's wedding in our dailies.— I will write you, what D^r A. B. Tucker says

of me, who is very kind, that I have complete nervous debility, with bronchial trouble, my cough must be annoying, as it sounds so croupy, how long I am to suffer, He knows best. I will never murmur as long as I have with me, the dear kind He has sent me, and can help and do for myself. Miss Mary Magill asked me the next time I wrote you, to send her best love to Mrs J, and yourself & Mr Callender desires his kind regards to Mrs J & yourself with Mr Wetmore's. I am promising myself the great pleasure of that book you spoke to me of. Our weather looks as though we should have a fall of snow, I do hope not. as ever sin^{ly.}

Jo. L Newcomb.

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