

New York 25th day in Lent/90

Col^l W^m P. Johnston

Dear Col,

Your two letters of the 13th and 15th are at hand, the former after perusal I sent to Mr B.C. W. as I tho't it would be gratifying to him, to hear and read, of the good investment you had made, with the funds of, and for the H.S.N.M. College, as it was most satisfactory to me. I thank you truly for sending my letter to Mrs Rathbone. I am so glad Mrs J, knows her, as she is one of my dearest friends, and has ever been to me a true and loyal one. I am sorry I wrote depressingly to you of myself, which I never intend to do, perhaps when the Spring opens with new life to all Nature—

if it is His will, I too may be renewed. Miss ['heunice] is not following Pope Leo's good will, absolving all from fasting through times of disease and epidemics, as 'la grippe' and its fatal results, is known to him, (I cannot write His Holiness as I think it sacrilege) thro'-out the world.—

Since March 1st we have had our winter,— on the 6th the ther^r was '6' above zero, and to-day is the snow storm of the season. I have never known such a winter in N. York. I see by the papers, the fearful floods you have had. My heart truly aches for Mrs D^r R—, she writes me so sad, asking for my (poor) prayers. Miss Hill returned your kind remembrance. With love to your house hold, and kindest and best regards and wishes for y^rself. Very sin^ly.

Jo. L N—