15 West 20th St.

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Col W^m P. Johnston Dear Col

I fully intended ere this, to have answered your last welcome letter of the 6th with the slips of D^r R-s' rare plants, and the dec<u>isi</u>on of the Cora A. Slocomb Scholarship. I hope to meet Miss R— some day. Miss Penelope Schafer ^x is visiting a friend of hers in this city, and has called to see me, she spoke beautifully of her Alma Mater, and said she visited the New College very often, but thought as you do, ^x one of H.S.N.M Col'ge graduates—

the picture I have of it, does not do it justice. I am grateful to hear, as you write, it "has opened prosperously."— and also the University. I am sure the ladies must have enjoyed their trip. Through the day you will not miss Mrs J, until the eve'g comes, then you will feel her absence. You are so true a ladies man, you did not need your Brother's <code>^son</code> as a relief.— The Denégre's are in the city. Mr C and Mr W, return your kind remembrance to them, and to Mrs J, and yrself, with my love to your dear wife, from

as ever very truly Jo. L N

[written vertically on fold of second page] I hope you have met my cousin Mr Jos. A. Hincks whom you desired to know.