H. SOPHIE NEWCOMB MEMORIAL COLLEGE, president's office.

New Orleans, _Nov^r 17th_*1896*. 1231Washington Avenue

My dear friend,

Just as I sat down to write you, your sweet note of the 12th was bro't me from the post man, which pained me deeply to hear of your serious illness, but do not write what was the matter, & do pray ere this you have entirely recovered. We left N.Y. Sat'y 7th 5.25 pm sh<u>a</u>rp from Jersey City, arriving here on the 9th 4.45 a.m. after ^a most pleasant trip I have ^{ever} made South, we left the Fifth Ave Ho at 3 p.m. and wanted ^{to} send you a postal, but was out with Mr C, until 12 pm, & found company awaiting me, who remained until the last moment—. I was so happy to see your dear one looking so well, he found me looking, &feeling miserable on my couch, from effecting causes. I am so in hopes we w<u>ill</u> see you & dear Mr P— to show you all my "labors of love" this winter. Mr C— is truly himself again, in being able to take moderate exercise daily as our weather is so balmy & bright & the flowers everywhere in full bloom. I will put a rose in this for you & if n<u>o</u>t fresh will retain its fragrance.

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Mr C. desires warm regards to you & Mr P with my love to you both from as ever yours

Jo. L Newcomb.

extra I am sorry the rose is too large.

Envelope College stationery postmarked New Orleans. Nov 12 Addressed to: Mrs. R. F. Putman, 541 Third Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor's note: "your dear one" might here refer to either Mrs. Putman's son or husband.