

H. SOPHIE NEWCOMB MEMORIAL COLLEGE,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

New Orleans, April 5th 1897.
1231 Washington Avenue

Dear friend,

Your letter of March 26th was received on the first day I left my bed, where it had pleased God to prostrate me since March 22^d with Grippe & nervous prostration, that has left me very weak & depressed, yet I praise Him with every breath, I am able to help myself. On Sat^y the 2^d your books & lovely card from Jerusalem came, as Pres Dixon was sitting with me he took it & said he would have it framed for the College; why dear friend did you not put your autograph on the back of the lovely card, & also in the books that will soon be in the College Library, & do hope where— some day you will see them & all my labors of love, & the many costly, & magnificent gifts to the Chapel, College, Art Building & grounds.^x I was fearful you had not received the Mardi Gras, papers, all my friends who have passed the Carnival in Spain, Italy, France, & Mexico, tell me they have seen nothing to equal it in N.O.

Don't you think there is sufficient mission

^x Mr Callender has given

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ary ^{work} to do in our own country, but perhaps you are like Miss Sothon, you prefer a foreign element; my dear friend there is very little travel for me now— I have little health & less strength, but pray my energy & will if it pleases God, will only cease with my life. Mr C, & I truly & sincerely thank you, your "latch string is outside the door for us." I do hope to see those beautiful specimens of your hand-i-work for your dear hus'^d—Mr C, returns to you & Mr P— your kind regards with my love to you both

from as ever Jo. L N—

Envelope stationery of the College postmarked Apr 5 New Orleans

Addressed to:

Mrs. R. F. Putman,
541 Third Street,
Brooklyn,
New York.

Editors' note

From Merriam-Webster Dictionary: Latchstring: a string on a latch that may be left hanging outside the door to permit the raising of the latch from the outside or drawn inside to prevent intrusion.