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Fifth Ave Hotel
May 17th/99.

My dear friend,

I did hope to reply to your welcome letter of the 11th ere this, but have been too shaky & am not yet very steady, but the "spirit—is strong, if, &c." Mrs Dr R. arrived in Washington on the morn of the 10th & went at once to Mount Vernon where she has been a week to day, & from a letter from her, she will see me as soon as she can; I should like to have seen dear Cousin Joe & Mr M. when you told them of the arrangement for the College; please give my grateful regards to the latter for his very kind words of me, & to all aff^{ate} ate enquires my warmest thanks. Mr. Hitchcock was charmed to meet you, and with regards, regrets, he could not see more of you; am so glad you found all had "gone on smoothly" in your absence" as you write. I fear you will hardly be able to make this out, but it is the best I can do now; do send much love to Mrs D, & W, & will write them when I can,

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also love to Mrs. C—. Mrs C^{ln} bid me to ever remember her to you when I wrote, with Mr C's kindest regards, Sincerely, as ever

Jo. L Newcomb.