

Richfield Springs, Cary Cottages, New York.
Aug'st 16th/99.

My dear friend,

Let me assure you ere this I intended to reply to your valued favor of July 22^d, but in truth days & hours seem to have feet in their fleet of time, then driving fine morns, & walking for exercise, & receiving letters, & talking to friends, make days run into weeks; but this afternoon is yours, if I am not prevented. I can justly excuse your tardiness, when I am guilty myself; had I Aladdin's gift, how quick would I have you & your dear hus'^d with us, to enjoy this glorious inspiring weather we have had yest'^y & to day; it has been cold, & the changes are very sudden, so one has to be very careful. I am glad your house is so delightfully located for the comfort of you both. Miss Bowman has greatly improved from the rest & quiet she so needed; — how terrible that strike must have been & so confining, not being able to go out or do what you

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desired. Did your Sister accept the Matrons position at your Brothers Hospital? I think she is adapted for any position and can do whatever she desires, she is a thorough house keeper [and] can make anything for the [?] and take care of them, don't say or write "she will never again in this life be happy." — Let us hope faith and time will do much for her. Yes indeed that Summer of 1887. with you and your dear husband was a red letter season so happy were we all. I feared Mr Putnam's place at Lime Rock would never be filled again permanently. Miss Carrie Richardson was blessed in having her mother over four score years, still the parting is as painful to give her up, what will she and Miss Lilly Barnura do now in their loneliness. Your sympathy for my child's loss is touching and comforting and indeed truly

appreciated, kind words are like cooling drinks, they soothe and refresh; have you been to see the Newcomb Vases yet at Mrs Chamberlain's? Miss Bowman who sends greeting to you, says they are very beautiful. Dr Gallaudet wife & daughter are here for this month, and perhaps longer, they arrived on the fourth, the Dr is here for the Sulphur baths, and says he already feels better, he certainly looks better and walks stronger; has Mr P_ heard, Bishop and Dr Huntington of Grace Church are doing away with the "Sisters" having "Deaconesses" in their place. Now dear friend the tea hour is approaching, so can't fill this sheet as I would like to, Mr C. sends warm regards to yourself and Mr P_, with my love from

as ever Jo. L Newcomb.

Addressed to:
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Editors' note

The strike to which JLN likely refers is the “Newsboys’ Strike of 1899.” The strike, which began July 18th and ended August 2nd, closed the Brooklyn Bridge for several days and created havoc throughout the New York City area. The strike was the basis for the Disney film and later the Broadway play, *Newsies the Musical*, which was nominated for eight Tony Awards and won two, for choreography and best original score, in 2012.