

"39 Broad St." N.Y. April 19<sup>th</sup>/88  
Col<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup>. P. Johnston

My dear Col,<sup>l</sup>

I had this pleasure yesterday, (18<sup>th</sup>) in answering your two letters of the 2<sup>d</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The latter inclosing me the bills for the work on the Chapel & the Memorial room; which I find very high, —but inclose my check for \$257807 for both,— though if you refer to my letters,—I think you will find I only wrote I would finish & furnish the Chapel. The Memorial Room not being named at the time; but I am happy and grateful if all is satisfactory.—

The \$ 100.000 you now wish & ask for, & in regard to which I wrote you very plain yesterday (18<sup>th</sup>). I again repeat, I must have time to consider, the giving at once, of so large an amount of money.—I am fully aware that means, make measures— but do hope, another year the College will have a larger number of pupils, and more income, therefore don't you think it best, to wait & see, the progress and success of the College.— In your answer to this letter, will you please send my letter of yes'ty (18<sup>th</sup>) which I will return. Very Sin<sup>ly</sup> —

Jo. L Newcomb.

(written vertically along paper fold)

Who provided the Organ for the Chapel.

Editor's note:

Dixon does not include this gift in his accounting of the gifts JLN made to fund the College. An entry for May 23, 1888, in the amount of \$50,000 was dedicated to the "Fund." An entry for July 1, 1889, of \$1,500. was dedicated to "Decoration chapel, etc." It is assumed the amount of the check was for \$257.807 or \$2,578.07, not \$257,807 based on JLN's reluctance to donate a large sum of money. See also JLN's July 4, 1888, letter to Johnston. Dixon may not have been knowledgeable about this gift.

(Brandt V.B. Dixon, A Brief History of H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College: 1886-1919. A Personal Reminiscence [New Orleans: Hauser Printing Company, 1928: 195])