

OAKLAND HEIGHTS ,
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Tues'y May 16th 1893.

My dear friend,

It was my intention to write you long ere this, to express my deep regret, at not seeing you & your dear sons at the depot, the eve's we left N.O. but God willed it not so. We arrived in Thomasville Ga, the next day at 2 o'clock p.m. an ideal place in every way, & after waiting an hour in the depot, as all the Hotels were closed,— Mr C, was fortunate in finding a charming private board'g house, where we remained two weeks, to get over my four weeks visit in N.O. T^{ville} is all you could desire, such gardens & flowers, for size, beauty, & fragrance; surpasses anything, I have ever seen. Mrs. W^m Hammond, the wife of one of the most eminent lawyers in the State, sent me lovely flowers, & in one of the bouquets, Mr C. & I, measured one of roses, which was 14 inches in circumference, & its perfume equal to its size. I sent you a T^{ville} paper, did you get it?. We left there April 29th at 3 o'clock p.m. arriving in Savannah at ½ 9 o'clock pm, expecting to remain until May 2^d, for

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for Charleston So Ca, & this place, & the day we were all ready to leave, I was taken violently ill, with a burning fever, & inflammation of the bowels, & mucus membrane, prostrating me completely; had two D^{rs}, & never have been so reduced in strength, or as thin as I am now. I thanked God, I was alone, with my faithful maid who is a thorough nurse, & who has been with me over twenty years. Not being able to go to Charleston, as soon as able, left Savannah May 10th, at 10 o'clock a.m. arriving here at ½ 10 o'clock p.m. so exhausted, had to keep my room for some days.— Though better, far from well, but, it is His will, & if it pleases Him, we leave here to-morrow 17, direct for N.Y. 15 West 20th St, & should be there on the 18th, at 2 o'clock p.m. where I hope to hear from you as you now know, why, you have not heard from me. I enclose a letter from my cousin, which I think, will be as gratifying to you, as it is to me. My cousin is a considered a first class lawyer, & I think would be most happy, to serve

you in anyway in his profession.— I also enclose a slip, I think will interest you.— Kindly let me know, in answer to this letter, if the set of silver, I sent to the College, does not comprise, waiter,—pitcher, —six goblets, & bowl, (nine pieces) which please let no one claim, except through a note from me.— Mr C's highest regards to your family and self, with my regards to Col J, & the cause of my silence. With much love to Mrs D, Mrs C, & the dear boys,

very sincerely Jo. L Newcomb.