

"Pomeroy Brothers
39 Broad St
New York"

June 20th/93.

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My dear friend

I rejoice with you for your sake, the Sophie Newcomb will now give you a rest so needed. How truly grateful and thankful I am to Him, your labors have been so successfully crowned, and your wisdom so highly appreciated. I do trust the earnest, gentle, and correct admonition to those, who let their feelings overrule their judgment, will justly and deeply remember, their errors, and their words to you in their apology, be a healthful influence forever. — How can I thank you dear friend, for your Christian words of my child's 'Memorial'. God heard my prayer, that the portrait arrived in time for the Commencement, and how truly happy your opinion of it has made me; all who have seen it and knew her from infancy, her schoolmates,

and all who daily saw her, say to me "the only likeness ever been taken of her." Mr Solon Humphreys sat before it, and said "speaking life itself," Mr. Gutierrez "perfect" "perfect". Mr C, who bro't his cousin, and her friends, asked to look at it again before it was packed; if you remember, I told you how true, were your words on her beautiful marble tablet, your offering. I note what you write of the Art building, and if you will kindly send me an outline, of the requirements for a Chapel; how much space you can allot, (ground) seating capacity, anticipating a good increase of students, and any general ideas you have, about style, appropriate as a Memorial and to grounds, and I will have a drawing made here by some competent architect on such subjects. Do you think it vanity to give to our children the merit they deserve who has a better right! Mr C, sends his regards to Mrs D, & C, & W, with my love from very sincerely

Jo. L Newcomb

Have you a copy of Miss M.R's Essay? And do you know, who wrote the enclosed slip; my friends like yourself, sent us all the papers, and truly thank you. Jo.LN

Editor's note

"Miss M.R" refers to Martha Richmond, who was the class essayist, or class speaker, of 1893. Her speech was titled "The Higher Education of Women." Miss Richmond was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree. She was one of sixteen graduates receiving bachelor degrees in 1893.