

Lake George N.Y. Box 6

My dear friend,

I have your two very welcome letters^x & Oct.^r 23^d the last by last eve'^{gs} mail. I truly have not been able to write you not being well, & Mr C, having two smaller abscesses, that had to be at once attended,^{to} but am happy & grateful to write you, thro' God's love & care, with the exception of weakness, the Dr says he is better & looking better, than when he first met him, & Mr C. wrote a f'd the other day, "he was almost well
x Sept 27th

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~~well~~ again. how kind in you not to overburden me, in taxing me with any replies, just like your good heart, when it is I— that's' to be grateful for your beautiful letters, as I have often told you I could read all the time. I do hope when we meet, you will tell me of Mrs Lord's desires & departure. I enclose a little slip, & the mar'^{ge} of Bishop Whipple. I reckon you know Bishop Walker is in Bishop Coxes's place; My illness was not due to the fatigue of the trip from N.O, but the section I had, which will

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never happen again, if we have to wait a few days. How happy you must be at the complete restoration of your darlings health, as we are to know it. never think my dear friend, that you could offend me, without I was the cause of your doing to, what you wrote of my going South and living ^{there} I felt was your affate interest in my strength & health, & you have my grateful prayers for your kind words. I am so in hopes your dear one, & self will visit N.O. & see the results of my "labors of love."

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Babes like honors multiply, is this Mrs Hughes first one? As she has been mar'^d sometime; how does Mrs Bettie R- get along with Mrs Brock? I do hope all is pleasantness & peace, how true are your words, "if we do not love we cannot be hurt." I wish to live in peace with all; but 'ungrateful,' selfish, people, I cannot nor will not have anything to do with, when I know them to be such. We now expect dear f'd to leave here this week D.V. & will let you know when we are in N.Y. Mr C, with thanks & regards desires his best wishes to Mr P_ & yrself with my love from Oct 25th/96. as ever Jo. L N-b

Addressed to:
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Brooklyn,
New York.

Editor's note

The little slip states: "Mrs. Hicks-Lord has left a will for the benefit of humanity, for its provisions will quicken the zeal and promote the activities of all household servants."

The newspaper clipping she enclosed is titled "Bishop Whipple, a Bridegroom at 74" with a large sketch of the Bishop. The article regards the marriage of the 74 year old Rev. Henry B. Whipple, Bishop of Minnesota, to the 35 year old Mrs. Evangeline Simpson, whose first husband, Michael Simpson, was a millionaire cotton manufacturer in Massachusetts. The Bishop is described as "one of the most interesting personalities in the Northwest...." By example from the article, "when the Sioux Indians rose in 1862 Bishop Whipple interceded in their behalf with President Lincoln."