

extra, I am so glad to hear your Ma keeps so well — please send our love to her. I have met a lady here who knows all about Mrs R. M. W. and have much to tell.

THE

Lincoln house

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS.

Dear friend,

WARDELL BROS.

Augst 31st/97.

I cannot tell you how very much I enjoyed your letter of the 22^d so like yourself, it seemed, as I wrote your dear hus^d I was listening to your voice, & tho't I would be able to write you & Willie by the same mail but could not finish it for the interruption of kind friends; as we have made some very charming ones here. I was amused at your "scramble for letters" & feel very proud — as tell D^r D. I am proud of some things my letters are so valued by you both. We were all so astonished to hear about dear Willie, indeed I will enjoy "that letter" to his father, which will only strengthen the pride & affection I have for him, —who some day I feel will be Newcomb's next Pres^t: my sainted Mother had a very dear

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friend D^r Sam^l C. Chew of Baltimore with one Son, who was Pres^t of the Medical College of Maryland for years, & his Son also an M.D. practiced with his father, & after D^r C. sen^s death became Pres^t, which he now is. I think with you not "many boys of nineteen" could have gone thro' the ordeal Willie did, & when D^r D— says "he could not have done better him self," — Willie is all he should be. Sept 1st. I was in hopes to have had another letter from Col J, & may have before I close this. Mrs D^r R— is also very anxious the Col wrote her what he did to me, his son-in-law Mr Richard Sharpe lies ill at New London with Typhoid fever, where there are quite a number of cases. We were all ready, & Mr C, had bought the tickets for New London, when a letter came from Mrs D^r R—

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only the day before we were to leave, — as I wrote her we tho't of going there — "not to think of it, & do not go to New London," & having a warm friend here, Miss Bancroft, — whom D^r D. has heard me speak of —who has been writing for us to come here Mr. C. at once changed the tickets for this place, & how often we all have wished you all were with us. Miss B, was much admired at Lakewood, & is here, she has spent a day & night with her Aunts & cousins, who were overjoyed to see her as she took them all by surprise; they are all coming to-morrow to pass the morning with us. Miss Bancroft gave Miss B, a lovely present, which she says is for N. College for everyone to see & admire. I wrote D^r Percival about Miss A- P. Moore, & enclose, his opinion & sentiments; I fear Miss M— has ^{not} met the adoration she expected as some of my friends

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write me the Virginia Springs has had a very poor season. I also enclose thru exercises, Miss B, received from her niece Miss Kale Bowman, who is the Teacher of French at St Mary's, & the College furnishes all the refreshments for the lunch & tea,

& any deficiencies at the end of the year, the Bishop has to make all up: she also bids me write, there is another student coming with Octavia Gayden which makes ten new ones for her. May I ask how Willie heard of the position he now fills? I wanted to write to him by this mail, but it is too near dinner, as soon as I hear ^{from} Col J, of his wife, will send you a postal, it is such a tedious anxious fever, Dr Barrow is attending her, who is the partner of Dr Polk Mrs Dr Jones Bro'r; the Col did not write the Sanitarium she was in. Mrs Leeds, her sister has been with her since Augst 13th & a trained nurse. Miss B, & Mr C, send love and regards to you both with all blessings from fondly

yours Jo. L N—

Editors' note

Miss Bancroft is Mary E. Bancroft