

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL. Oct. 3^d/98
MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.

My dear friend,

We, Mrs T.G.R. Mr C, & myself, were all made so happy on receiving your letter of Sept 27th, on Oct first, enclosing Dr E's letter & Mr W^m O.R's tele^m which I enclose, as it gave you a month longer with your dear ones, & more rest for you. I regret with you the delay of opening the College, but we must calmly & patiently await the workings of fate, & trust in Him who doeth all things well. Mrs Dr R_ told me to send her love to you, & she will be back in N.O. Nov first to receive you, She left this morn for Washington, to attend the W. A's Board of Missions, & the P.E. Convention. Mr. Jas. McConnell, & Judge Fenner are also in this house, the former sends his regards, & a lady told him you was "a champion chess player." There are such contradictory reports of the yellow fever, the number of cases, & form of disease, that one scarcely knows what to believe, or whose statement is correct. Dr. Dupacquin (Mr Jos A Hincks

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Dr) told him it was not yellow fever, & writes me "My Bro-in-law, Mr Fortier had five of his children down at once with fever & all in a few days were well & had no Dr only a good nurse." It is cheering to hear such encouraging news of dear W. I enclose Col J's letter to me[^]with my copy for you to read, which he has not answered, if he has, I have not received it. I wrote Mr Jos. A. M. but did not keep a copy for you, if you would like to see it, write in my name[^] to Mr M to send it to you, & at the same time if I can send you, the one he wrote to me. Now dear friend, I want to write Mrs D, & W. by this mail, with Mrs R's love (she left) & Mr C's kindest regards to Mrs D, yourself & W. from whom he has his letter. God's blessings on you & yours from as ever
Jo. L Newcomb.

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Dr. Chaille called on Mrs R. & myself last evening.

Editors' note

Dr. Stanford Emerson Chaillé was a professor of physiology, hygiene and pathological anatomy from 1868-1908. In 1885, he became the first dean of the medical department of the newly named Tulane University (he succeeded Tobias Gibson Richardson as dean in the transition from the University of Louisiana to Tulane University), a position he held until his retirement in 1908. (John Dyer, *Tulane: The Biography of a University, 1834-1965*, New York and London, Harper & Row: 1966)