

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.

October 31st/98.

My dear friend,

A letter from Mr Jos. C. Morris of the 27th, gave me the happy news you were at Newcomb, & did not fail in my morning prayer to express my gratitude to Him, for restoring you to health & strength for your dear family, & your valuable life for your work, a letter from dear Willie of the 26th, is most cheering writing me "lately I have been thinking a good deal what I shall do. I certainly don't want to loaf & have decided to take up my writing again, my hunting trip was most enjoyable." I have your two letters of the 13th & 21st & your dear wife's of the 16th enclosing Col J's letter, who was to leave Louisville on the 26th where they have been for sometime — but was taken sick again, so our mutual dear friend Mrs Dr R. who is there visiting her husbands family,^x I am glad you made that little trip to Willis & you all enjoyed it. the 1500. & 2000 cases of fever you heard of, Dr H.P. Jones who has been here

^xwrote me

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& to see me several times, and bro't me his foto, said "the fever had been greatly belied in its character & number of cases." What a comfort to you to leave Mrs D, & Willie so well, as you write in yours of the 21st, the day you left Las V, & as you arrived in N.O. on the 26th, you could not have stayed long in St L. I shall write your dear ones very soon, but I am truly a scribe, my friends are all so very kind. Mr C. is well, & sends warm regards, everyone says he looks younger or better than they ever saw him. All blessings be yours

from very sin^{ly} Jo. L Newcomb.

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Miss B & the [Z's?] wrote me Col J. was going to housekeeping if so, please say, when they remove their furniture, "every piece must be taken away, from the many remarks that has been made to Mrs N." Jo.L N—

Editor's note

Joseph Chandler Morris was president of the Canal Bank and member of the Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund from February 1885 until the time of his death in August 1903. (Dyer)