

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL

MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK. Nov 4th 1898.

My dear one,

I have just written Cousin Joe & our mutual friend Dr H. P. Jones, besides doing pages of copying, but must reply to your letters of Oct^r 23^d & 31,st the latter deeply pained me. I still suffer with my back when I attempt to stoop or lean over. I am so sorry about your cook, but do hope you have a good one, what anxieties & perplexities the yellow fever brings, & pray, experience of the last two seasons or years, may meet its reward by firm & strict measures; how cruel that was about Mary, why did you not keep Chis, 'm as Ethel T. is not a boarder but you know best. I trust the first floor girl will be a comfort to you also David, Rufus was no waiter. Mary O'N, I reckon is still with Mrs Walmsley. I am most grateful for Newcomb opening, & particularly you have with you, Miss Austin, & Miss Catlett & do please me (both words underlined twice) by letting them assist you all they ^{can}, I trust they will be amiable & consistent. while good points may exist, faults may be more, then, to appreciate the former we must guard against

the latter; let us hope the favorable opening my be propitious of a prosperous year to all. I do hope Bessie Smith's first impressions on you, will continue in depth; her cousin Dalton is very fond of her & said, "Aunt Jo she is like you not in looks but in ways." Mrs Dixon wrote me the Dr was very thin, dear good man, he has had, so much to worry him; who is Miss Hall? My dear I am so tremulous I must stop, with Mrs C_^{lain} and Mr C's warmest regards, hoping you are relieved in every way, yours
in love and truth

Jo. L N—

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Editors' note

The College opened October 31st.