

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK. Nov 7th 98.

My dear friend,

Your letter of the 2^d came by last eve's mail & made us truly happy to know of your improved health, & such encouraging hopes from dear W, have a care for your strength by not over doing in anyway, & I feel you ^{will} be better than you have been for some time— I do pray So. The College Opening with 106 pupils gives cheering prospect for increase over the 120. I am sure all the Teachers were happy to have you, & be in their places again. While the Y.F. of this year, may have been a safe guard for the future in making one an immune, with the exception of the black vomit some say you can have it a second time, if so, I should think it was more of a malarial nature. Miss B, wrote me of her illness, am grateful she is better, please give my regards to Mr M— & tell him Col J never answered my letter of

Augst 9th 98. I fear he did not like it; now Dr D, may I take a privilege with you, which is, to ask you to go & drop in & dine with our dear true friend Mrs Dr R^x she would be so glad, as it is what she likes, & tell her of Mrs D., Willie & the College, to each & all she is So devoted.— I have not yet written to your dear mother, the house has been so full of Southerners with much writing to do, I wanted to enjoy her visit & will soon, now I have more time & fewer interruptions. Mr C. returns your “kindest regards” everyone says they never ^{saw} him look so well & so young; my prayer for all you desire, & sincere esteem from as ever Jo. L N—

^x her dinner hour is between 5 & 6 & if she has not returned, wait for her is the way Mr C, or Dr McK & I do which she enjoys. Jo. L N