

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.

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My dear friend,

Your most welcome letter of Nov 30th came to me last eve'g, not having heard from you I feared everything. I can fully understand how very busy you have been, & do hope your strength will increase daily with your health as you write, "I am better than I have been for several years." God grant all prayers for the entire restoration of dear W's health, & the full reward to his devoted Mother; she wrote me of the meeting between W— & pompy, I should love to have seen it, colds with you have been as general as they are here, I had a letter of twenty two pages from Miss B, how pleased her household were, at the Thanks'g dinner she gave them & their grateful feelings to her; I do pray for the sake of all everything will be peaceful and pleasant in the 'College Home. You have not told me how you find Miss Catlett? I do hope entirely satisfactory, how happy (mutually) your dear wife & her Mother must be, with W, they are all to-

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gether & you all daily hearing from each other. I have been under such a strain since Sept 29th with my affairs, rest and quiet to my weak head and nerves, (nothing ever to boast of) I feel is actually necessary. To-day is dark & gloomy & threatens snow, while the blizzard was very severe we here in the city did not suffer from it. Mrs C^{ln} is well & as devoted as ever, & always desires regards. Mr C also is well & returns your "Kindest regards." — With assurances of renewed esteem Jo. L N—