

587 West 14th St New York Nov 11th 99.

My dear friend,

Your welcome letter of the 7th came by last ev^{gs} mail with such cheering news, first of dear Willie—that proves Cousin Joe was right, who wrote me, “wait until we have Willie D. at Cov^{ton} & you will see how quick he improves.”— I thought you would like to see Ainslie’s Magarine article on Mrs Sanford, who is now at the 5th Ave Ho & has asked where I was, but I have not been able to go & see her. by this mail I send you the N.Y. Churchman with the address of the new Pres of Wellesley College, & other marked pieces; while I do shrink from anything like [both words underlined twice] publicity in anyway, your words—“Don’t you think you could grant it?— are very impressive & hopeful — fortunately, I had one foto left, which Mr C-^{will} take this afternoon to the Publishing House of Frank Leslie, with Mrs Willkinson Mount’s letter to you, & afterwards will write you; I rather think with you, as your number now is 197 “we may pass the 200 mark before December.” To succeed is followed by success, & we “may have our best year.” God grant it onto you

and fully reward you, is my prayer.— Mrs Chamberlain thinks Mrs Mount is an Artist and a literary woman, as ^{she} has heard; my other literary friend Mrs Putnam, with whom you lunched here may know Mrs Mount, as she is a social friend of Mrs Frank Leslie’s. — I am very sure the “Newcomb House,” (as I call it) with such combined taste and judgment, as Mrs D, Miss B, & yourself it will be faultless, not only in appearance but in comforts, which is the most desirable. I am not surprised at what you say of workmen they are the same everywhere, & do try ones patience. One afternoon this week, Mr. Hitchcock & cousin sat with us, & said to me “what do you hear from Dr D,? do send him my aff^{ate} regards. I did so want him, with Seth Low, and Dr Parkhurst to dine with ^{me} but could not owing to circumstances.” Dr C^{l’n} & Mrs C-n send warm greetings. Mrs Milliken leaves at 4 pm for N.O. with love and a kiss to Mrs D,— please both of you for me, go to see her, she says she [is] “so lonely evenings,”— & said, she “So enjoyed your visit with me.” Mr C returns your regards and believe me most sincerely

Jo L Newcomb. [written vertically along margin as there was no available space at bottom of page]