

(Johns Hopkins file)

The Evans House. May 2^d/75

Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Savier - I wrote a short time since to Mrs. Peacock to ask for your address, and she has just sent me your charming letter of ~~the~~ April 18 - by way of answer - She says 'I have a most lovely letter (I call it a poem) from Mr. Savier - I feel sure it will delight you & enclose it for your perusal - please return it the first time you or C. write to us.' You know so well the true interest Miss ~~Cookman~~ Cookman & myself take in you - you will not mind our being sharers in the sweet & pleasant idyll you describe so poetically - I only regret to find by it, that you still refer to 'lonely journeys' - & that you do not seem to have carried out your hopes of having a portion of your family with you at Jacksonville -

My object in writing for your address you may perhaps have seen by the papers, that there is a project under weigh in N.Y. for the establishment of an American College of Music - on a grand scale - under the patronage & through the liberality of a very rich man - who purposes to endow it liberally - his name has not yet been given to the public.

I enclose you a slip which will tell you how far the matter has as yet gone - when I was in N. Y. just now - the gentleman whose name is in question for the presidency of the board - and who is a near relative of mine - asked me if I could furnish him any information regarding the Conservatoire of Paris or of any other institutions of the like kind in Europe - I was obliged to confess that my musical education had been very much neglected it occurred to me, that you with your professed love for it - & knowledge of it - might perhaps have stored up any amount of practical information on the subject -

If it would be agreeable to you - I can place you in communication with the gent - to whom I refer, and

I think through him you might be able to establish such relations with the projected college - as would enable you to carry out some of those ideas & plans which you partly suggested to us when we first met you.

My own wish in the matter is simply to give those concerned the benefit of your knowledge and experience - & to give the opportunity of associating yourself with a project which if rightly carried out, will be one in which you could not fail to take the deepest interest. Let me know how you feel about it, whether you would prefer to communicate through me - or if I shall send you a line of introduction to my relative - who I have no doubt will be very glad of the opportunity of making your acquaintance.

We are here for two weeks - Miss C. is acting her farewell engagement after two weeks - an address will be care of J. & J. Stewart, Bankers -
33 Nassau St. N.Y.

Miss C. joins me in kindest greetings & I am always
Very sincerely yours,
Emma Stebbins.