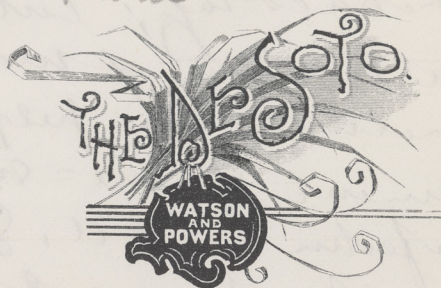
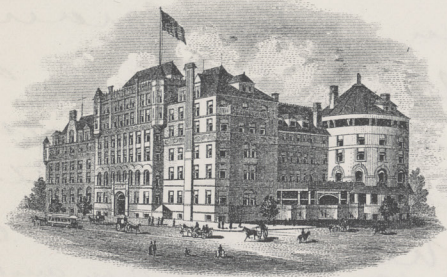


Written to Paris



Savannah, Ga., Jan 3 1893

Dear Rankine

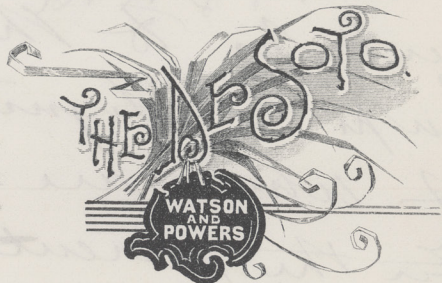
Yours of 20th from
Paris has just arrived. It may have
been detained by late arrival of steamers.
I regret that you did not find it con-
venient to join the party at Rock Ferry
but I can sympathize with you,
I hope you will not find it necessary
to stay long at Vienna, for I do
not think much of the place,
What you say about flimsy
medical theories applies to every
subject you can imagine, nothing
can be more flimsy, partial or
one-sided than what I have
to read on Geology, Biology and

archaeology; but that is merely
the nature of man. No man's
conclusions are perfect. There is an
element of one-sidedness and im-
perfection in all. George can tell
you the same of his pursuits and
William of his; ^{& as you seem to know Hamilton's politics are worse than any other,} All that can
be made of these things is the
chance they seem to clever and
wise men to do better, that
is what you should aim at,
and do not expect to find
any theory that you can preach
with full faith in it.

As to what we find here,
It is a Southern town of 50,000
inhabitants, full of evergreen trees
and pleasant squares and
gardens - a large park and
suburban resorts on rivers and
shore. The rivers are take-ways
affording an unlimited supply of
oysters. There is a fine sea-
beach at Zee ^{8 miles off} and ocean
beaches. The air of Savannah



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weather is mild and not
over dry, owing to the great
salt marshes which we hear,
but they are not insalubrious.
We have made no friends
or acquaintances, except a
few nice & pleasant people,
strangers most of them like
ourselves, that we meet in
the hotel. Indeed as we
do not go out after sunset,
we are not in time for
much society. Both mother
and I are I think slowly
mending; but we think some-
time this month to shift
our ground for change of air.

perhaps to Thomasville per
 haps to Augusta ^{W. of Va.} at both
 of which are good hotels.
 For the present however we
 are content to let well
 alone. We see here some Me^r
 monuments of the Civil war. Monu-
 ments to the dead Confederate
 soldiers - a plat in the cemetery
 with 800 of them lying in rows
 with a small white marble stone
 for each - representing the
 emblem of this part of
 Georgia to the Confederate slaughter
 yesterday was "emancipation day"
 and the negroes had a "parade"
 of volunteer corps (about 500 men)
 and coloured citizens walking
 in procession. All colours have
 ever seen now content to live
 together amicably. They have separate
 churches, separate schools, separate
 volunteer companies and separate
 cemeteries - but all mix together in
 street cars &c.

for nothing necessary to health and comfort. We can still
 afford this; and shall hope soon to meet for a year or a year
 that my name made some (and
 selection of a place
 of above
 but my
 JMS

Smith of the

I fear I must leave it to mamma
 to tell you what we see, as to yourself
 Dear Rankine see that you write