[John Peyre Thomas, Junior (1833-1912) was a student at Mount Zion Institute, Winnsboro, where he was taught by J.W. Hudson's father. Thomas graduated from the South Carolina Military Academy in 1851, and served as a professor there before moving temporarily to North Carolina. He served as superintendent of The Citadel from 1882 to 1885, and was the author of *History of the South Carolina Military Academy* (1893), as well as of a biography of Micah Jenkins.]

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Mayesville, SC Jany 20th 1893

Col. J.P. Thomas

Columbia, SC

My Dear Thomas

It is with profound sorrow & regret, that I read in to-days News of Charleston, of the painful & serious accident you sustained by your falling upon the Snows ice.

Be assured of my heartfelt sympathy in your painful confinement— I trust that your recovery will be rappid, and that you will yet be able to meet with us on Feby 22nd, for your absence on that occasion, will be a source [end page 1]

of the deepest regret to all the graduates & friends of the Old Citadel-- There is none, I will be more pleased to grasp by the hand on that occasion, than yourself—

It will be a grand occasion for the revival of the memories of the by-gone days of our Youth, and to enjoy the exquisite pleasure of once more hearing the voices, and feeling the warm grasp of the hands, of our friends and comrades of the long ago.

Again wishing you a speedy recovery, and that you will be able to be with us on the 22nd, and assuring you of my warmest sympathies.

I remain sincerely

Your old friend J.W. Hudson

March 21st 1904

Col. J.P. Thomas

Charleston, S.C.

My Dear Friend

I was indeed gratified to receive your letter and with it the life of Genl Jenkins, which I read with much interest – some things of which I know & some I did not- What a pity he received that wound & where he did.

I am glad to learn that you are so well. I hope you may continue ["in" inserted] such splendid health- There is much for you to do before you go. [end page 1]

You ask after myself. I am in poor health, and know that I am going- I don't think it will be a ["good" <u>interlined</u>] great while, before I am called away, but I hope to be prepared to go whenever the summons come-

May God bless you and I, whenever the summons come.

Your true friend

J.W. Hudson