

Thomas and Loring
sent their kindest
regards to you
I have now a little
orphan cousin staying
with me her mother
died about 2 months
ago - she is very good
company

I conclude by
wishing you and
all your family
many happy new
years although
its rather late

write soon and
send a lot of
news as I have
sent you your
Ever loving friend
Annie Lane

Washington 182nd St

My Dear ~~Mrs~~ Alice
January 17th / 70

Two months has nearly
elapsed since I received your
letter. until now I have ^{not} had
an opportunity of replying.
But when you see how my time
has been occupied. you will
pardon what may seem negligence
of me. Nothing would give me
greater pleasure than writing
and hearing from you often.
A world of little events and changes
have taken place ^{since} I last wrote
to you. first we removed from our
house to the old mansion such
it was considered some 50 years

P.S. I will surprise ^{you} some ~~day~~
day very soon

Agoo the rooms are large and plain but many of them. I do not like it so well as the other house still. we are very comfortable. I can run down, from the kitchen to the store in one minute.

I suppose you know what a trouble it is to be moving especially in ^{such} cold weather as this and what a time it takes get things settled again. what planning and pulling at carpets and furniture to make them suit, as you would like.

My dear Alice. I mentioned to you about our new church as we call it we have Mass Every Sunday in the school house Our pastor ^{is} the Rev Father O'Callaghan formerly of St James's. He is a very stout Genial & eloquent High toned gentleman. he resides in what you call our cosy little house. for such it is now. he has it

Be sure and write soon I will ^{anxiously} await and answer to this for reasons which I will tell you ^{in my}

Furnished very comfortably ^{in my} next. And the walls hang with the most beautiful & saintly pictures I ever saw. I overlook all the trouble I have had to have the Holy Mass and the presence of a priest every day. we have a class of Boys training for the altar whatever moments I can spare

I spent with a few other young ladies in organising an Altar society we have a good many members we shall have our first meeting next Thursday Evening we hope this time next year. To have an altar worthy of the glory of God although I may not be there to help to dress it. Father intends to sell out in the spring and go back to the city. My dear Alice you ask me may you consider yourself friend enough to have some for you pine cones or acorns

write

I could not
handle

the pen
in the room

I suppose
it got

Banned
some-
how

when Mary
saw it

now it is
quite well

it was
some
time

two weeks

So that all I can do for you,
you may consider yourself ^a friend
for whom I would do anything
in my power I saved some for
you. I have never made use of
any of them. I know they are very
nice for making Baskets and frames
I am glad you read the Life of
Mother Ingham I intended to send
you mine. I knew you would
like it very much, I wish you
were near me. I know ~~what~~
what I would allot for you to do
Sunday afternoons. Your favourite
Occupation teaching. Sunday school
we have had no Sunday school
yet But will next month
we have had very little sleigh
riding up here yet the snow
melting away almost as fast as it
fell. I had a very sore finger
Even I was ever so anxious to