

New York Feb^y 10th 1838

My dear Mrs Nicholas

I received a letter from you
some time since for which I am much obliged
to you. I have since received a message from
you through Miss Masters, & cannot tell you
what pleasure it always gives me to hear
from you & of you. I was very glad to learn
you were in good health & living so much
more comfortably than you did last win-
ter. It has pleased my dear & dear Father in
his mercy & love to restore Miss little Christine
to me. She is living with me at Mrs. Munro's
Hoffman's & it is a very great comfort &
happiness to have her with me. Miss Miller
teaches her every day, & has been extremely
kind both to her & me. She has also instructed
herself very much for my other children
she is purchased & her papers taken out

but cannot leave C. more a year or day
about Rebecca. I am not quite so certain
the money has been raised to purchase
her, but I have not yet heard that she
is free my heart overflows with gratitude, when
I think of all Miss Eliza Milner's kindness
to me, do ^{not} fail to remember her in your
prayers & thank God for all his goodness to
me. The ladies with whom my children
lived has gone to England & left them
under the care of no one, & sometimes
feel afraid that what I was speaking
to you of before you left them has
happened to them. It is however a great
consolation to me to think that though
they have no one on earth to watch over
& guide them, that there is one in Heaven
who neither slumbers nor sleeps &
who has promised to protect the desolate
& I believe that if I pray to him from my
heart for them, that he will hear & an-
swer my prayers, & cause all things to
work together for their & my good. Mr.
Williams has been very unwell but
thank God is now much better. There

has been a great revival in our Church
which I know it will gratify you very
much to hear. Many of the congregation
inquire very particularly & very frequently
about you & Miss Emma. Mr. & Mrs. Hoffman
are very well & looking very well, the children
are also very well & very healthy. Miss
Julia is getting on very well at school.
I expect that our family will soon be increased.
~~It was~~ Miss Julia ~~who~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ in New
York, I saw her several times, she looked
very well & had grown quite fat. She
is now in Philadelphia with Miss Grady.
Mr. Charles has become so fat, you would
scarcely know him. I hear that Mr.
George is going to be married to a very
lady in Philadelphia. Spencer & myself
are still at Mr. Murray Hoffman's & are
very comfortable & contented. I know you
will be glad to hear I am taken care of
when I am sick. Spencer desires to be
remembered to yourself & Miss Emma &
hopes to see you soon, as for myself
I only wish I was sitting at your feet
& heating a bottle of water ^{for} you.

While you, my dear Mrs Nicholas remember
be me in your prayers. for I need much
the prayers of my friends, as you may
suppose, my mind must be very anxious
about my children - While you be so kind

Ms Nicholas
Care of the Misses S. S. Whitman
P. Master
Belvidere
Illinois
Via Chicago



as to write to me as soon as you receive
this letter, & when you write to Miss Miller
will you mention to her that I spoke to
you of with gratitude, of all her kindness
to me - May God bless you & yours My dear
Mrs Nicholas, is the fervent prayer of your attached
Elizabeth Spencer

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