

New York Feb 4th 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 dearer Father in
his mercy & love to restore Miss little Christine
to me. She is living with me at Mrs. Murray
Hoffman's & it is a very great comfort &
happiness to have her with me. Miss Miller
teaches her every day, & has been extremely
kind to her & me. She has also interested
herself very much for my other children
Babe is purchased & her papers taken out

but cannot leave C. under a year & a 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 lady 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 congregation
which I know it will gratify you very
much to hear. Many of the congregation
enquire 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 one family will soon be increased.
~~A~~ 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

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Mrs Nicholas
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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