

Sunnyside, Monday evening Oct 24/53.

My dear Willie.



I wrote you a fortnight or more since, saying that you might as well send on "Little Kate's." School books and winter dresses - but they have not yet reached us. Edgar will send the parcel to us and will pay the Express charges, ^{from the} if the company take pay on delivery -

Your sisters would have seen that the little girl resumed her studies before now, but they say that there is not a school book in the house.

We have had very mild, soft weather for some time past, but to day is stormy and will probably clear off cold in which case winter clothes will be welcomed.

Your uncle Washington is expected home on Wednesday evening 26th inst. and soon after I shall go to the City for a few days. Should the weather be inviting - Edgar wishes me to bring Little Kate with me, Sarah says that she mentioned it to her, but she rather declines the invitation. She is well contented with Sunnyside, feels completely at home, and has become fully one of the family.

Your sisters, Little Kate and I, were all in the City the week before last on a visit to the "Crystal Palace." We made our call there at 3 P.M. remaining until 8 P.M. that we might see the exhibition when fully lighted up.

returning to dinner like the afternoon of

the next day. I wish to see with you

at her Aunt's, who had her possession

of her own establishment in 14th Street - back

say that the house was not yet completed in

order, being still in the hands of Purvis &c.

you sister Catherine left in the beginning

of last week on a visit to your sister Charles;

she took the Express train from the City in the

morning reaching Auburn in the afternoon and

then took a conveyance to Highland getting there

before night. She had got down A. Morgan

of course the intimate friend of all abolitionists

in an escort. Mr. Morgan is the member of

Congress from that district and will leave with

his wife and one of his daughters for Washington

about the 20th inst. Mr. Morgan's celebration

is to return with them to New York; after the 20th

home, John will look out for a good opportunity

to take her place at Charles' in the winter -

I believe I mentioned in a former letter

that my female was making alterations in his ground

in front of his house - the river from Spring Street

has been cleared and carried down to the water

of the present lot which gives him a very handsome

view in front and he is erecting his accommodations

by adding a building on the south end of his house

a little back from the front - and three days ago the

of course. I wish Mr. has a well filled pocket

will spend's liberally - Give you and back some

one in summer, he has built a "Pleasant Alley,"

perhaps don't to rise the more genteel turn

of "Pleasant Valley" - it is nearly finished

and occupies a part of his garden, and on walk

as have taken his garden and some of the weather

and of both; it is quite a handsome affair, and

think must cost him over \$1000 fully or

thousand dollars.

Charles is attempting to raise a class

of young ladies for a course of Pikes letter

studies and I think he will succeed - he

has long had an inclination for the Greek

and has now made up his mind to enter it.

and I believe has taken the visiting trip.

He and Oliver mentioned it to Mrs. Jones

after when I was out in the City. I remember

that I had had an objection to such a course

and that was that our duty was, with few

exceptions but thoroughly paid; as his profession

has already purchased him in part, a testament

has will find him ready to enter.

I had a letter a day or two since from

London, and you bring out from his father - left me

with - London was getting on fairly and his

found. The Jefferys are well satisfied with him. He was complaining of the want of fire brick for his gas works, the lowness of the river preventing the reception of a quantity for which he had contracted.

Tell Sarah to send on such winter clothes for Kate as she has - she need not get anything new. Your sisters have added some for Emma and Kate to her stock, and a note from Edgar says that Amanda has a dress pattern ready for her which I shall bring up in a day or two.

With my best love to Sarah



I am thine affectionately

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