

Sunday evening Nov 26-1843

Dear Father,

According to your request I will write, and give you a flowing description, of the situation of our place of residence for this winter, we are very pleasantly situated next door but one to the Church which you know is very convenient as to getting out in stormy weather. The Parlor in the first place is quite a pleasant room with three windows 2 fronting the street and one side window the furniture consisting of a very large rocking chair which is very easy and comfortable a pretty table between the windows with a number of very fine engravings and also some very interesting books upon it, a very pretty stove which keeps the room very warm and also Stephens study which is a pleasant room it is small but quite large enough for the use he makes of it this last room I have been speaking about leads out from the parlour. The Hall is quite small therefore I have but little to say about it, the dining is quite a good sized room with a nice Table the place for this is between the two front windows there are two rocking chairs and other chairs and a lounge instead of a ~~sofa~~ ^{sofa} a small nest Table very pretty with a work Box and several books upon it, the Carpets are Brown and

green the figure is a bouquet of roses, our the ping apartment comes next, a very pretty Bedstead painted white in shape of a French one & Bureau and washstand to match, now we will introduce you in the rooms up stairs there is quite a hall you enter after you have ascended the stairs then we open a door into a large front bedroom with a pretty Carpet Bedstead resembling Sister Pommers, and also a Bureau to match a Washstand and several Chairs a ~~mother~~ room which we have converted into a Store room where we keep every thing ~~very~~ nice and a room for the hired girl, now we will go down stairs in the Partry where my dishes and eatables are kept, then into the Kitchen where we have every convenience for cooking, also a very good wood house where our wood is piled up in the best manner an excellent Cistern and very good well water. I have used my Shimmer and Grater found them very good and we full the latter as a very good one our vegetable are kept very well from freezing it has a board floor and I can go down ^{in it} without taking cold. Mr. Hathaway has failed and is selling out at cost. There was a gentleman called here the other day and informed me of you all being well at home of which I was very glad to hear - it was Mr. Samuel Bard who is Lecturing on - Temperance he had a Lecture last evening and one this evening. I remain your affectionate

daughter
Catharine

Rome, Nov 27/43.

Dear Father.

Your letter with draft reached me on Saturday evening, and I have received the same on the Bond. Kate has told you we are all well as usual, except herself. She is getting quite bilious, and wishes me to call the Doctor to bleed her. I am very reluctant to do this. though it may be necessary to relieve her head ache. She is if any thing too hearty, her appetite too strong. On Thursday last I received a pretty "loud call" to another Parish, where they have a Parsonage in addition to a Salary as large as my present income, But I have declined it, Our congregation tho small is fast increasing, & the trouble and Expense of moving at this season would quite equal the advantage to be gained in a pecuniary point of view, and perhaps at the end of another year. Another larger field of usefulness will offer itself, My people will also enlarge my donation this winter. Knowing that I have sacrificed something for their benefit, There are the worldly notions connected with these changes, there are higher ones which I think have weighed much with me, It is very gratifying however to get such a Call,

Our church is small, our village is small and our
Parsonage is also, tho not much more so than
Mr Halsey's, and we are quite as comfortable as
he. We are satisfied in our own minds for the present.
My dear Wife is as contented a creature as you'll
find - and so am I. I speak boastingly, a little.

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nevertheless it is true, this makes life comfortable.
"health, peace and competence" some Poet says
this I am persuaded is your motto also. Our
best love to Mother & Yourself. Family
affectionately, Your Son, Stephen W. Battin,