

March 9th 1853.

Dear Father.

I received your letter a few days ago and hasten to answer it, we are going on pretty much after the old sort, we have had very fine sleighing here but ~~I~~ have not myself been out to enjoy it much, having rode out but once, and the ride was up the Lake which is always pleasant and it also being a very beautiful day which added much to the pleasure of it, Stephen has quite a school of boys numbering 12 he also Teaches Kate who is progressing rapidly with her Studies such as these, Philology and Geography Grammar, with Spelling reading and Music, Stephen thinks something of bringing Mary down with him, to pay you a visit and remain down untill I come but at present I cannot tell you at what time I shall probably be with you but will let you know when we write again, The Children have been sick with Chicken Pox but have now got entirely over it, they had it quite light, I am rejoiced they have got over it so nicely we have all had Influenzia colds which has been very prevalent here this winter, and also some cases of Scarlet Fever but not in the immediate Town — Well ~~we~~ really we have got another President but I thought you would have said some

thing about the Evangelization as this letter was
written on the fourth of March but not a word
was uttered about the President. We have had
for a long time one Bank but we have another
one ~~started~~ which will probably be in operation ^{by fall}
the bankers will commence building this Spring
it will be on Main Street next to Judge Nelsons,
if you recollect, opposite the Principle Store,
it is to be called Coopers town Bank, Judge Nelsons Horses
while on the ice took fright and ran into a hole
from which his man was procuring ice for his
ice house. the Horses got ~~scared~~ hurt a little
it took some time, before the men that were
collected together to extricate them, from their
perilous situation, Mrs Alfred Clarke is still at
Rochester improving slowly she has been quite
unwell for some time, Miss Susan Cooper
has been here and made a short visit at her
sisters Mrs R Coopers, she with her sister Charlotte
intend returning ~~to~~ in about 2 Months —
and then think of spending the Summer
Mrs Bell ^{Mrs Alfreds Clarks sister} has a fine son 3 weeks old, this will
somewhat make up the vacancy that was
made in the death of her Daughter, who
died while on a visit to England she took
a fever while there which soon terminated
in death, This day the 9th March is Annies —
birth day I suppose you all have drank her health

in a nice glass filled with Anns choice wine —
we thought of you at dinner time but had
not the Wine to do you the same honour —
and also to Morrow the 10th a rather —
memorable day in opening those letters which
you have laid away so carefully, no one home
but Emma and Gaeby but alas no key to open
the basket, It is thawing and our sleighing will
soon be over for this winter, and then Spring —
with its return of the singing of Birds and Trees
budding and leaving out, which is the delightful
part of the year to me, we are all enjoying
good health here at present, I must now close
hoping this may find you all enjoying health
and happiness, remember us kindly to all
at 111 87 State Street,

I remain as ever your
affectionate daughter Kate

My dear Father

I enclose this interesting letter
from Kate & am happy to say
we are all well. The bundle
by the Express came safely.
The least the box of cards does
not hurt. I am sure if you have
received them. Write soon.
Auntie

M. B. W.

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Mrs. F. B. W.

Mrs. Catherine B. W.
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