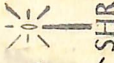


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Sunny Side Irvington, Nottw. Co. N.Y.

Thursday evening March 4. 1858.

My dear Kate

 Two letters again before an answer follows: you will surely think that grandfath^r must certainly be growing old and is losing his knowledge of the use of the pen; perhaps one cause of the delay may be owing to the error in the address of the letters for they still come directed to Ebenezer Irving though I have repeatedly denied that the letter "a" forms any part of the name by which I was christened, which, by the way, I think is not to be bagged of: I have always respected the motives that induced my good parents to choose the name, but have never admired their taste in the selection.

We have had two weddings in the family since I last wrote to you; I may have told you that your cousin Leslie Irving was engaged to a Miss "Annie Pierce" of "New Brighton" and that they would soon be married. The wedding "came off" on Tuesday of last week at your uncle Pierce's church (Christ's) in New Brighton and your uncle performed the ceremony. The young couple started the same afternoon on their wedding trip to

the Southward: they expect to go as far as Savannah and will probably be gone a few weeks. Leslie's close application to business has rather impaired his health and the extended tour and absence are with a view to his benefit.

The weather here of late has been very cold, and the river is covered with ice, there, with the apprehension that the passage down the bay would be very tedious and uncomfortable, induced your aunts to give up their intention of being present at the wedding. It seems however, that we were out in our calculations, for the day though very cold, was a bright one, and there was no ice in the bay; the relatives in the City were present, and we learn from them that it was quite a pleasant affair. I had given up all idea of attending the ceremony, for being much enfeebled

by rheumatism I deemed that it would be imprudent in me to venture upon the journey in such cold and precarious weather.

The other wedding to which I have alluded "came off" yesterday (3rd inst.) at Calvary Church in the City (N.Y.) and I learn was quite a brilliant affair; it was that of your cousin Richard I Dodge with Julia Paulding, the only daughter and child of Mr. Frederick Wm. Paulding. They were married by our Rector, Doctor Conington of Christ Church Tarrytown,

and what made the occasion the more interesting to the parties was, that the bride when an infant, was baptized by

Doct.^r C. Your cousin Richard being in the army - there was a touch of the military in the affair - there were four brides maids and four groom's men, like Richard Lieutenants in the Army; the groom and all in full dress uniform; the brides' ~~with~~ maids all in white dresses with pink bows in the shoulders and pink ornaments in the hair.

The Church I am told was pretty well filled and all went off handsomely; so you see, that, as I said, it was quite a brilliant affair. Your uncle Washington and your aunts Catharine, Sarah, and Mary helped to fill the throng, and all got safely home before evening; Sarah and Mary as usual with lots of head ache - rheumatism and cold weather kept me at home as in the previous case.

Richard and his bride started on their wedding trip in the afternoon: they go to his father's home on the banks of the "Yadkin" in North Carolina; they will not ~~be gone~~ be gone much more than a fortnight, for Richard must be here, or rather in the City, by the 28th instant.

I perceive by your late letters that they omit to "ring the bell" at the Academy. We are getting along comfortably at sunny tide.

Your Aunt Mary's health continues to be delicate; and
your Uncle Washington's has not been of late quite
as good as usual - All send kind remembrances.

Yours affectionately
Miss Kate



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Jan 19

will you please
send me your
india rubber
eraser to use
on the marks
on my book
I will be
glad to receive
it from you
I am
yours
Edw. Irving

I think Grandpa must be
sick I have not heard from
him for so long this is the
first letter yet from him
it is dated March 4th