

Friday 6th 1861.

My dear Sisters,

I have been very busy since I came home in visiting the families of our Parish, I have had but few leisure moments to my self which has kept me from writing to you all at home and hope these few lines will be acceptable to you. My health is better ~~than~~ having but few attacks My Medicine is Tincture of Iron and Morphia which I think has been beneficial, The Children are very well, and Stephen is enjoying his usual good

Health, Indiana is — constantly sending out more Troops for the Seat of War. Kate Bird is singing very sweetly while I am writing. My Friend Mrs. Newnam was delighted to see me back again she desires to be remembered to you and Gertie.

It being a rainy morning I could not attend Church but some of the family ~~it~~ were out, we have had some very pleasant weather and have taken many beautiful drives, a great number of handsome buildings

have been put up since I left which adds very much to the beauty of the streets down town they are built of bricks and stone, kind regards to Mrs. More and Mr. Brandreth, hope this may find you all enjoy^{ing} good health, remind

Brother Pierce of the Photo-graph which he promised to let us know all about. I am as visit to New York I send a great deal of love to all at home in which Stephen and the Children join. I shall write to Father next, no man at present I remain as ever your affectionate Sister Kate

C. Batten

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