

Sunny Side, Livingston, Westch. Co. N.Y. Jan^y 23. 1857.

My dear Kate

I send you thanks for your letter of 13th inst.
The next time I see you omit "Julia Sanders." I will
tell her that the name of the sister who claims
to have been formerly acquainted with her, is "Geraldine
White." Your aunt will of course recollect her and
it will gratify her to find that she lives in the
remembrance of the sisters.

You say nothing as to what sort of a time you had
in "Four & Half" Street during the holidays, and how
it compared with life in the convent, and whether
you were well pleased to get back to ^{the latter} ~~it~~. I presume
however that such is the case, and that you are well
disposed to avail yourself of the opportunity it offers
for improvement.

The storms and severely cold weather
that we have had of late, have confined me
to the house and have given me but little chance
for exercise: the ground is covered with ice and snow
and ^{these} have obliged me to discontinue my daily walks.

for there is no little risk of meeting with falls, and falls at any time of life are apt to be attended by injuries that are not speedily repaired.

Times have been somewhat lively among relations in New York: your cousin Julia Grinnell had a large and brilliant party at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 14th Street about a fortnight since; it was given to usher young Julia into the fashionable world, or what is styled a "coming out". I am told that it was really a fine affair; cousins Lillie and Leslie from Staten Island were there, as also nearly all the relations in the City - Uncle Washington was the only one from Brooklyn - your Aunt Mary's health is too delicate to allow of her joining in such festivities, Aunt Catherine had a swelled cheek caused by tooth ache, and it was too inconvenient for Aunt Sarah to go alone - I am not aware whether there was any one

there from your Uncle Theodore's at "Bay Ridge"

It is probable that your Uncle Theodore will change his quarters from "Bay Ridge." the parish at Richmond, Staten Island, has invited him to become their Rector; it is one of the oldest parishes in the State, or indeed in the Union; I have not heard as yet whether he has decided to accept the call, but think that he will.

I would end my letter in the usual manner by adding love to your mother and all that, but as I propose to drop her a line on matters of business I will send it direct; by the way, when you are writing of her do not call her "Mum", or "Mama", but give her her true designation - "Mother".

Thine dear Kate
affectionately

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