

[Letter from Alice Drinkwater to her sister Olive Drinkwater; Alice is working in a hat factory in South Framingham – Appears to be dated May 12, 1873]

Dear Sister Olive

I will write you a few lines this evening to let you know how I am getting along I haven't had a letter from home for as much as three or four week. I should think you might write and let me know how you are getting along at home and you all well and have you got any one to help on the farm yet. I had a letter from Mr. Lovett last week requesting me to teach in [??] District this summer and also winter if I liked but I decided not to take it I am going to teach in the Miller District this summer I wrote a note accepting the school yesterday. I did not know what was best to do about it at first but finally concluded that I could not afford to be idle and so I shall teach it if nothing happens, expect it will be hard for me as my lungs trouble me considerably. I want you to write me immediately who the school committee are and all about it don't forget it. I am coming home Saturday the 24th of May. shall leave Boston in the morning shall come by rail unless I change my mind and if I do I will let you know. I suppose I shall reach Belfast in the first part of the evening. I don't know just when Rose says Nathan will meet us in Belfast and take us with our trunks as far as Mr Tuckers and Ernest can meet me there as I should be afraid to have him at the Depot with the horse in the evening. I may possibly change my mind and come in the boat but I want you to look out for a letter from me about the 22d which will decide it. shall have a week between getting home and commencing my school write as soon as you get this and tell me about the committee and whether you want straw hats or your hats sewed to frames they wear roll hats altogether some exactly the shape of your winter hat and some roll all round all black and plumes so you could wear your winter hat through June if you wished. I have sewed over that white milan [?] of mine and had it colored black will get you straw hats if you wish can get them cheaper here than in Belfast. I will write Sunday and let you know what to do about meeting me
Alice