

*[Letter from "sister" Kate Drinkwater to Olive Drinkwater; Kate is possibly the wife of Olive's late brother Roscoe who died in 1867 at the age of 26]*

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Dear Sister Olive

I will try and answer your letter to day as I feel more like it than I did last Sabbath. I do not feel verry well today but ever so much than I have been since this Month came in I think March is a hard month on the most of persons who do not have the best of health my head troubles me verry much I am taking Schenks medicine it has helped my cough much. But it was hard for me to make up my mind to take any medicines but Mrs Gould came up to see me and she would not let me read unlil I promised to take Schenks syrup and pills I think it weakens me

I had my mind made up to go down and see you, but was waiting to see how my cough would be my cough is better but I do not think I will be able to come this spring I am expecting Fannie [or Jannie] in a week or so, and I suppose she will go to housekeeping and will be glad I assure you for it is not verry pleasant to be boarding when you do not feel verry well the people I board with are verry kind in deed every body I know is kind I dont know it is it is not because I am deserving of so much attention

Dear Sister I have nothing to write that would interest you business is getting better, I have plenty to do more than I feel able to do. I have been to the shop every until within a day or two, and the parties that I work for want me to rest a few days while I am taking my medicines. I have not done much work this month although I have to the shop the most I did was the cut and baist and piece the work for the rest they could not get along with me for I can beat the French cutting with my new diagram, well Olive this is enough of this nonsense you will get tired of reading this. I dont know as you can read it I am writing on my lap. O by the way there was a surprise party here last tuesday night and Rufus Pendleton and his girl was here but did not see them I had the sick head ache and went to bed before the company came. I have been invited to a good many parties this winter but would not go there is no pleasure in parties for me, but there has been a time when I enjoyed going to parties with the [??] one but them days are past and gone never to return. I am glad to hear you are having such a nice time this winter and that you all have such good health. Olive I would like to see you all to day and have a good long chat for I do not feel a lot like writing. you must not think because I do not write oftener that I forget you. for that I can never do you all seem to near to make forgotten. soon I will close as I have filled my sheet your loving Sister Kate Drinkwater hope to hear from you soon.