

*[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 answer your letter which I received some time ago the reason I did not write before was I was waiting to hear from home Now as I have herd I have lots of letters to write to day. I was verry glad to hear you were all well and having such a nice time this winter and glad to know you are improving so much in your singing I hope you will not refuse to sing when I ask you to sing for me. I have been so worried for this last month about my brothers that I could not take any comfort they ware missing for four weeks they ware about crazy at home Mother had taken her bed she was feeling so bad about them the day William saw their arival in the paper he wrote to me and when I red his letter I cried with joy just think of it my oldest brother would leave a helpless family a sick wife and three little girl babies, and my youngest brother was with him. But God in his kind mercy guided them home once more to their home and friends for which I am verry thankful. I have just got home from church. Hattie was baptized this morning she looks badly poor thing. I dont think she is long for this world of care. I thought she would drop as she was going up for baptism I saw her Mother their but did not speak with her. the folks in the house are free will Baptist I go with them some times and they go with me to the church I attend, we are having verry nice meetings this winter there has been meetings in the church I attend every night since new years a great many has joined the church. I have not been so much as I would like to go where I work all day I feel tired when it comes night and then I have my clothes to repair and lots of things to do.

Dear Olive I have no news to write you my health is good with the exception of a cold now you will please excuse this so I am in a hurry today I have so many to write to your loving Sister Kate

Dear Mother one word in reply to yours

I was verry glad to hear your health is good, but sorry to hear you have the [crossed out] for it is so [crossed out]

I have no news to write that would interest you only we are having nice meetings in all the churches in Boston a great many has been converted I hope they will live as near to what the profess as they can let us do the best we will we come far short of what was ought to do. I will speak for my self I feel that I do not live as ought to let me do the best I can. have you herd from Moses I have been dreaming about him you will excuse this. Give my love to all and a good there yourself you loving Daughter Kate D.