

Albany, February 5, 1845
No. 66 North Pearl St.

My dear Parents,

You cannot imagine how much good your letter did me, and then to see Mr. McElroy seemed almost like being at home. I am sorry to learn, however, that you have had so much sickness in the village. Many thanks to your money Father. I will endeavor to be more economical. I have arranged it so that I think I will pay for my board and tuition and have enough left over to take me home in May to spend a week with you. Lib is going home to spend a week, and then we are coming back for one term and then comes the examination, and then (as the fashionables say) we shall finish. Oh, I shall be so happy to get home once more with you. Mother, you ask me if I got a handsome pin. No, I did not, but I wish I could, for there is hardly a girl but what has one. Perhaps you might get one and send me. Those with one large stone are very fashionable. You say you wonder how much yours was. I don't think I shall tell you. Is there any news. You are the only regular correspondent I have and hope you will write very often. Things go on about as usual at school. I like the teachers very much. The composition teacher is a very pleasant lady. She visits Shelburn every summer. Says she will stop and visit me in New Hartford. I wish you would ask Mary Sherrill what her friend's name is, and if James ever comes down to Albany. I would really like to see him, or any of her friends. For every one you have ever heard of seems like a friend when you are from home among strangers. Pa, are you going out to Ohio next summer, and when do you expect Lucin home? And have you heard from Ohio lately. I have received but two letters since I came here. I think they are most too bad. There is considerable excitement here in regards to Texas. Guns were fired last week, and I a great goose, thought it was annexed sure enough. And, if you will believe me, I was so provoked I began to cry. Yes, I cried, and the way I rallied against the Locos and Abolitionists was a caution. I presume John Tyler, to immortalize his name, will do all in his power to annex the "robber state". Is Carrie sick or is she so busy that she doesn't get time to write me, or (forgive me for speaking it) is it because I write to often to her? I have but very little time to write and very little that will interest you, so pardon me if I write very short letters. But one thing I will do, I will answer yours and tell you how I get along in school. But I wish you would write me very often. The cake was excellent. I wish you had sent a whole loaf. We now have a new roommate from Champion, a very lovely girl, and your three slices just went around. Lib said it tasted so like home. Please remember me, as ever your affectionate daughter, Sarah

Give my love to Jane. I want to ask Pa one question, which cost him the most term, Canandaigua, Utica, or Albany? Endeavor not to send another so empty, but I don't feel well therefore, not much like writing.