

Clifton Grove June 14th 1854
Wednesday

My dear Father,

I have promised the Dr's Niece to go with her to Snow Hill this morning & before starting I thought I would write a few lines to you, to tell you know that we are well, several of the Servants and Mother Williams have been down with dysentery but are all better now with the exception of "old Frank" (the old Negro who came here to be taken care of) people may talk of the freedom from care of a Southern life, but to me it seems full of care. Mother Williams treats me with much kindness now & things seem to jog more evenly than ever before, still we remain undecided as when you were here, as to future plans. As soon as I know I will of course inform you immediately. I am trying to learn a lesson of patience, perhaps I need it, you know I am an impulsive creature, and am for driving right ahead through thick & thin, there's a good deal of Yankee Spirit in me. If I meet a mountain I want to climb or go through it if a valley or stream, bridge, then and by the way didn't I come honestly enough by that trait of character?

June 17th Saturday.

Well I didn't finish this for the last mail, but Ben is going to Snow Hill today and I intend this shall go. I was rejoiced to hear that your health was improved by the journey & sorry that Mother is no better, you must be lonely now. I would not care if Ben & I could be transferred during hot weather, into the New Hartford home. We have been feasting on plums lately, have had a few apples, peas, string beans, squash, & beets we have had on the table. Mother Williams has made me a present of a hen & thirteen chickens, by the way the very hen whose nest you found under the gate steps. The whole family are in a thriving condition. Two of the Dr.'s nieces intend on going to Mr. Crittendon's School in September, they have been to school in Salam in this state for two years, from where they have just returned. Brother James' daughter I have seen, she is a most interesting girl I think, she says she don't want to board at Mr. Crittendon's she wants to board at Aunt Sarah's sister's. Ben wishes to be remembered.

With love yours,

Sarah

Much love to mother, & a hope that she will soon be better. Also remember me to Margaret