

Tuesday November 9th 1844
No. 66 North Pearl Street

My dear Parents,

You have probably ere this, heard of our safe arrival here from Mr. Sanger, & I will only say we had a very pleasant time in the cars. Arrived here about half past four. We had just got into an omnibus to go to Mr. Crittendon's when Miss Gainswood came & insisted on our going to her brother's. We went and found her brother's wife a very delightful lady. Just at dark we went to Mr. Crittendon's, he was not at home, saw his wife, a delightful and very sociable lady. They then sent their man to Mr. McDonald's (the place mentioned in Mr. C's letter). At first felt rather disappointed, but am now very happy. Mrs. M's family is considered among the first in the city. She is, herself, a very pleasant & intelligent lady. Her daughter Sarah is a young lady who has already taken two gold medals at the Seminary. She is considered a girl of superior talent, writes some for the papers in the city. I will send you some of her writing in sometime.

I will describe our room. In the first place Lib wanted to sleep alone & as I always was used to it, I had no objections, so we have two single beds in the same room, a table on which to write, a mantlepice where we keep our books, carpet, two cane seat chairs & a coal stove. It is also done off handsomely with mahogany doors, papered and painted. We have our board, washing, fuel, & lights and found for \$2.50 per week, also the use of the parlors, they are very kind. She would like to have us pay monthly as she provides everything herself. Please write immediately and tell me if it would be convenient for you to do so. We entered school yesterday. Mr. Crittendon was very polite to us, put us in the first department (highest). On the whole I don't think it is very hard to get along, one has got to study & that is what we expect. If you have an opportunity will you please send me Colburns Algebra, which is up in the book case? I saw Miss Sarah Bennson yesterday, & she is going to call on me.

My mind often wanders back to New Hartford & in imagination I am often once again in the little sitting room where I have spent so many, many happy ours with you and other friends. As far as being homesick, I am not. Excuse the shortness of this letter but I have got to go down the street this afternoon & when I return must attend to my studies, so good bye, with much love your affectionate daughter, Sarah

Give much love to all Uncle Jacob's family, Henry, and Mary, and a thousand kisses for Sis. Write often, very often, ask Carrie to write if she will before I do, for I have not much time but will write her as soon as I can, Direct to me at No. 66 North Pearl Street, Albany.

Sarah