

Michigan Mining School

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Late letters from Mamma say that she may run over to N.Y. next summer for a while.
 The weather here turned cold on Friday, but today is fairly comfortable. Am delighted that Frances is flourishing. I could see her, and all of you. If Grandpa is still with you, give him my love. I shall write to him soon. Give love to Aunt L., and wish embraces for you all, when I see my husband.
 Lucius.

On my return here, Friday, I found your nice long letter of Dec. 20th, but, strange to say, nothing later has since reached me. I suppose the bustle and hurry of Christmas have been so great, that no one has thought of writing, and I shall not lay your silence to illness. How is my poor dear one feeling now? Any better than a fortnight ago? The cause must soon be known, indeed I have no doubt, myself, on the subject. I suppose "Mrs. Parker's oil dressing" would not be efficacious at this stage of the proceedings, would it? How that takes me back to former days! I think I shall have to call you Elizabeth, or perhaps Lizzie, for short, or Liz, if you prefer it. I wrote Ch. a note from Chicago, and I have a suspicion that some of my letters have recently miscarried. When I ordered some books for you and Ch., I also ordered several to be sent here, more than two weeks ago, and they have not come yet. Did yours come? Am glad you like Mrs. Jameson's "King of our Lord." I bought that specially for you, and thought you had seen it at Huntington Ave. My visit in Aunt's was very pleasant. John and Mary have altered very little in nine years. He is about

as frolicsome as ever, and she appears, if anything, better satisfied with life than formerly. May can walk about without a cane, but is very lame. She has a lovely disposition, is jolly, very fond of music, and does most of the housekeeping. Morgan is a good deal of a boy still, but seems to have a good mind, and Lucia, who is ten years old, is very sweet and quite pretty. She and Frances ought to know each other. When you are able to come out here, it would be a good idea to visit Cinti en route, and I think you would enjoy it. I saw only one or two old friends there, and passed the time very quietly, most of it in the house. In Chicago I spent four days shopping for our new house. We selected furniture, carpets, rugs, curtains, porcelain, linen, plated ware, chandeliers and a kitchen outfit. It cost us about \$1600., and we did not get all we wanted. I bought for myself a carpet, some chenilles and some lace-curtains - all holiday bargains. Lee has lately sent me a pair of Navajo Blankets, which will make good rugs when not camping out. I believe I wrote Ch. that I had spent two nights with Charlie Deane. He told me how much illness there was in C. I hope it will not touch my dear ones. There is a good deal here now, both Lane & Patton being afflicted. The School begins again to-morrow. My boxes have come, and I am ever so much obliged for each and every thing. I shall try to find a teacher for the Vitophone (?). Could you find a music-book for it? - a lesson-book? Have not unpacked all the provisions yet, but can testify to the excellence of the oranges, crackers and cheese. I enclose a letter with copy of my reply. Don't think it necessary to call in any third party, unless Mr. Fitch would see to having repairs made. Perhaps Fuller will attend to that. I expect to buy a coll. of minerals here soon, and with your consent shall use temporarily some of the funds in the amount. I may be able to replace them soon.