

Is it not too bad,  
Bro. Alcock is  
near a heart  
set. How do you  
that had your guide  
nearly and his  
hat marked  
in. Staggering  
along.  
What did he think  
when you got  
married?  
near me as the  
molehiding?

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Mrs Nora & Ream

Dear aunt I

received your kind and welcome letter  
but sorry to find it so short. I  
am well and hope this will find  
you the same. are there any people  
out there as pretty as you? when are  
you coming home? I hope you come  
through Evanson and come <sup>to</sup> here a day  
or two with us. I am very sorry  
that you still see the poor little mice  
of their nuts. how does your squirrel  
~~look~~ look? I don't think it is right  
for you to shoot the poor little  
things. I feel very sorry for them.  
Did you take part in that concert last  
night. I can't think of any more  
so I will quit for this time. yours truly  
Ca x

but suppose I will stay. O. M. A. A.  
I am so lonesome.

Will I presume you will be  
twenty-three years old tomorrow, and  
I wish you many happy returns of  
the day wish I had something nice  
to send you, will be very glad when  
I receive your pictures shall be looking  
anxiously for them until they come,  
was at a lecture the other evening  
and had my head read. Mr. F. had  
his read also and I can assure you  
we men / each other now are  
something, well he did tell some  
truths, and something were too  
good, Dear sister as Delia says  
"I am hungry to see you"

Write soon to your  
Loving sister Mary



Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1850

My Dear Sister Rosa:-

If this letter is not very long you must excuse me for I have ten letters to write today I was very pleased when Mr. F. brought me a letter from you one from Julia, and one from A. C. and Emma. I have had a very good Christmas considering that I am away from home I went to a party C. C. we danced every time but once At seven o'clock Christmas morning I was helping dress the Christmas tree and in the afternoon I helped hand down the toys, the children drew for them, they were very nice and cost about \$200.00. Ca drew a plush furse with the cutest shawl, it <sup>(the furse)</sup> just matches her dress, at six o'clock we took dinner at sister Beveridge, had a splendid evening music and singing etc. last night I was at another party danced every time but two round dances, I expect to go

to a dance N. Year Eve also N. Year night  
New Year day I give a dinner party  
to about 10 people not counting their  
"Kids" cannot very well get out of it  
They are so kind to me, Sister Bevinage

treats me like one of her own children  
and made Oe the same present  
as her own grand daughters, Well  
what do you think; the day before  
O — the three trustees, in company  
with three other gentlemen came  
in to visit our schools, staid until  
nearly noon, then let us dismiss  
until first Monday after N. Y.  
our pay going on all the same,  
Is that not better than Logan Trustees?  
They are going to dismiss for two months  
this winter because they have such hard  
winters. I did intend to go home and  
up to Preston, but Pa, sent word  
for me to stay where I am, and  
try and get some other kind of work  
enough to pay my expenses if  
possible, but I will not be able to get work.