

Sapporo, March 21st, 1880.

My dear sister;

Again one mail will have crossed the ocean with no message from me to any of the home circle; but as, I believe, I wrote you in my last that it would probably be so, you will not, I hope, have been disappointed. I left Tokio for this place at four o'clock, P.M. on the 23d. ult., and reached here at about two, P.M. on the 1st. inst., having

spent two days in Hakodate and one night in Otaru. The trip up was not in any way peculiar; being marked by my usual trip-rite to old Neptune. Between Hakodate and Otaru we encountered, as seems to be my usual fortune between these two ports, a very severe storm.

At Hakodate, I was joined by my little boy, Sakamoto, who is again living with me. Both on my way down and when coming back, Mr. Sakamoto seemed very polite and grateful to me; and each time he took me to a fine tea-house and

gave me a grand dinner
in pure Japanese style,
with the hot bath, the geishas
and singing girls and all.

It was novel, much of the
food of which there was an
almost endless variety was
very nice and I enjoyed
myself very much. When I
see you I may be able to
give you some sort of an
idea of it; but I can not
hope to do so in writ-
ing.

The officers of the Kaitaku-
shi have, ever since my
decision to return here, treat-
ed me with even more
than their usual respect.

One of the highest officers

came with an interpreter
to see me off from Shina-
gawa, and there a steam-
launch was provided to
take me out to the steamer,
a distance of rather over a
mile. At Otaru I was met
by an officer from Sapporo
with a sleigh for me and sleds
for my baggage. Some lit-
tle way from Sapporo, I
was met by my former of-
ficers, many of the students,
Dr. Lutter and Prof. Peabody and
a number of college and Kai-
takushi officers. I had
been in my house in S.
only a few moments when
Governor Dzushio called to

see me: his greeting was very cordial; and he expressed much pleasure to see me back again.

What pleased me as much as anything else in connection with my return was to see that some of the boys of whom I had taken a little notice came out quite a distance to meet me.

My duties under my reengagement are the same as before; but there is a change in the title. I am now spoken of in my contract as Professor of Agriculture and Director of the College Farm. The latter has, in reality, been the proper term for the designation of my rela-

tion to the farm ever since the departure of Pres. Clark; but my contract was not changed.

Since my return I have been trying the experiment of making sugar from the maple found here, a species almost, if not quite, identical with the sugar maple of America, and I have met with good success, having made considerable very nice syrup and sugar. I wish I might give you some. When Pres. Clark was here, he caused the experiment to be tried; but through lack of the proper appliances or of suitable

ce supervision, I don't know
is which, it was quite un-
t successful. On account of
having got back from To-
kio so late, I shall not
t be able to have so much
made this year as I think
I should have done had I
been here earlier.

This year I have plans
for doing a great deal of
new work upon the farm.
The manufacture of drain-
ing tiles will be continued
under improved conditions,
I mean to underdrain
considerable land, to make
plans for two new build-
ings, a dairy and a store-house,

to try various experiments
in methods of manuring
and culture, to make care-
ful observations of the
habits of some of the more
distinctive insect enemies
of our crops with a view
to discovering means of de-
stroying them, to try again
the experiment of making
sugar from the Early Amber
Sugar cane, to clear up
new land and to make
many minor improve-
ments. You see its easy
enough to make large
plans: it remains to be
seen how near carrying
these plans successfully

through I shall come.

When speaking of my arrival in Sapporo, I had meant to tell of my present way of living, but I forgot it; so I will put it in here.

On my departure from S. Prof. Peabody moved into my house and took charge of the commissary department, Dr. Cutter going there for his meals. Upon my return Prof. P. offered to give up the management to me and to move back to his old house, indeed he seemed to wish it: but I preferred to allow him

to continue to manage affairs; and so it was finally decided that he should continue to do so. Accordingly I, now, live in the house formerly occupied by him, a few hundred feet from my old house. The two houses as I think I must previously have written you, are precisely alike in all respects. Now, you see, I am entirely relieved of all care in the management of the cooking establishment, and I like it better than before.

Sakamoto prefers Japanese food, so I pay about five yen per month to

my servant who boards
him. I keep two servants,
one to take care of the house,
and the other to take care
of my horse and do all
kinds of out-door work,
running errands etc. I
pay the two fourteen yen
per month, and they feed
themselves.

I have never written you
anything about my rela-
tions with Prof. and Mrs. Pen-
hallow; and I do not care
to enter into any long ex-
planations now; but will
only say that Mrs. Penhallow
is a contemptible character,
much as I wrote you when
she first arrived here, only

worse. She and through her influence her husband, I suppose, think I have behaved in very ungentlemanly manner toward them; and she does not hesitate to pour her tale into the ears of anyone who will listen. She talked very much to Mrs Wheeler when she was here; and Mrs. W. (told² me) (herself) as well as Prof. Peabody that even from Mrs. P.'s account they could not see that I had done anything out of the way: and at last Mrs. W. told her that she wished she would say nothing more on the subject. Dr. Cutler, also, Mrs. P. considers to have treated her even worse than I have done. Prof. Peabody too is now under the ban of her displeasure. None of us ever go to the Pen-

hallow's now except on business. I did not go to bid either of them good-bye when I went away: but simply sent my card by my servant. Neither did either of them come to see me. I have not seen Mrs. Penhallow since my return, except once at a distance, (which I took pains not to lessen) on the street. Penhallow took no notice of my arrival except to send me a written business communication.

I despise the whole business; but though I have questioned my motives and actions severely, I cannot

consider myself at fault,
so I don't care much a-
bout it; and shall make
no advances. Dr. C., Prof. Pe-
body and myself are unani-
mously of the opinion that
the Penhallows have made fools
of themselves, and there we
let it rest. Give love to all
the members of the home cir-
cle and believe me,

Yours ever lovingly,

Brother Will,