

Sapporo, Jan. 9th, 1881

My dear sister:

To-day for the first time since I took to my bed I have all of my clothes on: and I am sitting at my desk to write this. In all respects, except the condition of my legs, I might have been up some weeks ago, so I am pretty strong and it does

to make the cook open
his eyes in astonish-
ment.

My limbs are yet
very weak; but now
that I have commenced
to get up, I look for rap-
id improvement. I am
now eagerly longing
for the time when I
can begin to get out
of doors. I think that
will do me much
good.

I have renewed for an-
other year at the salary
of which I have written
either you or Mat. I

think that out of this
I shall be able to save a-
bout two thousand five
hundred dollars in the
year. Living expenses are
pretty high here. It costs
us about thirty dollars
per month for board,
and we since I am o-
bliged to keep a horse about
about thirty dollars more
for servants, horse &c. Then
there are clothing and the
thousand and one necessar-
ies of life to be provided
for.

It is now vacation: but
ten days hence term begins.
I shall hardly be able

to begin the discharge
of my duties then. But
I frankly told the offi-
cer who came to see me
about renewal that I
should probably not be
able to do so. He said
that I need say nothing
about it: but I thought
best to have a thorough
understanding. I sent
the last letter which I
wrote to you to Raynham.
It happened thus:— I looked
upon the outside of an
envelope on which I thought
was your handwriting and
seeing the post mark Rayn-

have sent the letter there.
Always before having sent
to S. S. I had scarcely
noticed the name of the
place where you were
teaching. This letter shall
be directed right.

Yours lovingly,
Will.

The steamer carrying the
mail in wh. this letter
left Hakodate shipped
much water in a severe
storm, & the mail was much
damaged, this being returned
to me. I am sorry for I fear,
not getting a letter, you may
think me again sick. Will
Feb. 11th. 1881.