

Sapporo, June 7th, 1881

My dear Sister;

Three weeks and no American mail, consequently no letter from you unanswered, and consequently (no. 2.) no text upon wh. to write. So you may expect a rather short and uninteresting letter. Weather fine, no rain, farm very dry & crops suffering. College affairs running smoothly. Graduation exercises one month hence;

and I've got a speech to
prepare, and "that's the worst
part" as Mr. Baker remarked
to Daniel Webster on a cer-
tain fishing excursion of
wh. you may have read.

It has been decided to
appoint a Japanese in
place of Prof. Peabody, so
he returns to America
in July. His home is in
Champaign, Ill., but perhaps
he may go East in which
case I shall try to have
him see you. I shall,
of course, be exceedingly

sorry to have him leave here.
There now seems to be a
prospect that Dr. Cutler
will be reengaged for an-
other year. At any rate I
most sincerely hope that
will be the case.

The coming vacation I
shall go to Tokio to hold
an examination of candi-
dates for admission to our
college. I also intend go-
ing to Hakone, up Fuji
yama, to Nikko and thence
north overland to Awamori,
and across to Hakodate,
and so back here. I expect

that D. C. and Prof. P. will
accompany me to Hakoi
ne and up Fujizama: and
we hope for a fine trip -
The heat will doubtless
prove somewhat oppressive;
but in the mountains prob-
ably not very bad.

We have lately invested in
a game of Croquet and en-
joy playing much.

Sunday I went to Otaw:
where recently there has been
a large fire - eight hundred
houses and two lives lost.

With much love,

Brother Hall.