

With love
as ever
to all
and hoping you
may not wor-
ry about -

as for me
really have
every -
thing neces-
sary.

Will -

Am very
much
obliged
E. Hall

Sapporo, Jan. 16th. 1882

My dear sister:

Your very pleasant
letter to Eva was received
almost at the very instant
of the birth of our child -
a fine healthy daughter - at
3.50 P.M. on the 8th. inst. I
telegraphed a friend in Yoko-
hama to write to Mr. Hall
and the letter I expect went
out on the 10th. so they will
hear the news very promptly
and I hope they have thought
to let you know. Since the
birth of the child mother and

daughter both have been doing very well indeed. Labor was quite easy, pains beginning at about three A. M.; but Eva was not undressed and in bed five minutes before delivery, for she got up and dressed as usual at about seven o'clock in the morning.

But now I must write you something which will make you sorry. I have been burned out again and this time everything was destroyed. We did not have time even to get out a trunk. The fire originated in the room of the servant who ~~did~~

our house-work - how
we do not know for she
lies about it, but we sus-
pect from a kerosene lamp
from the rapidity with which
the flames spread, the fire
broke out at about eleven
in the evening just after
we had retired and as
the wind was very strong
and in just the right direc-
tion the flames were swept
in an incredibly short time
all over the house. We came

at once to Dr. Cutler's and he
has been kindness itself placing
everything at our disposal.

Of course the loss of every-
thing just three days

previous to the birth of
our child (the fire was on
the night of the 5th) was
particularly unfortunate: but
Eva was very brave and as
I was fortunate enough to
find some very good flannel
in town she with the assist-
ance of Miss Shaw (her nurse)
and several Japanese who vol-
unteered managed to make
enough things so that the lit-
tle creature was perfectly com-
fortable though not fine. We
at once telegraphed to Hakodate
and the ladies there sent on every
thing necessary so that we are get-
ting on nicely. Miss Shaw is a
splendid nurse and woman, and
I don't know what we should have
done without her. We shall remain
here till Eva is well when there will
be a house for us to go in to.