

Sapporo, Feb. 26th, 1883

My dear sister:

The last mail brought me the first home letter which I have had for some time.

In it you give an account of the manner in which a letter from me was lost and found. I wonder who tore the letter up. I suppose it could not have been anyone who knew where you lived. Since my last I have spoken once in Otaru and once in Sapporo, respectively on the evenings of

the 17th. and 18th. insts. Dr. Cutter also spoke at both places on the same evenings. It is the Japanese style to have a number of speakers on the same evening. The exercises at Otaru, for example began at six P.M. and ended early the next morning. I did not begin to speak till about half past ten. The audiences at both places were large - as large as the buildings (theatres) would hold; the number at Sapporo having been about eleven hundred. I spoke at Otaru on an Economical subject,

and in Sapporo upon 'Education of
Women'. There is absolutely nothing new
to tell you about - Farm or College - ev-
erything runs on as smoothly as usu-
al. I have obtained leave of absence for
thirty days and day after to-morrow
start for Yokohama to meet Eva. I
expect to reach there on the 9th. which
is some days earlier than is necessary;
but the next steamer will not reach

Yokohama until the 15th., and as the City-
of Tokio is due the 17th., and may get in a
few days ahead of time I dare not wait.
Moreover I have considerable business
to attend to in Tokio and Yokohama.

I wish you were obliged gradually to
work up to a walk of four miles a day:-
that would warm your blood and fill your
lungs with good air. A half mile indeed!
you would not get warm in that distance;
do you think you would? A half mile however is
better than nothing, so please take that if nothing more.
With love as ever, Will -