



Miss R. [unclear],

Scituate, Massachusetts

U. S. A.

Sapporo, June 28th, 1884-

My dear sister:

Your letter of the 13th. May was duly received; and as matters have turned out, I am glad your decision was what it was, though of course regretting that your health should have been one of the considerations leading to your conclusion. It appears now very improbable that the college authorities will be able to employ a foreign teacher, although they quite agree with me as to its advisability, they have not sufficient money.

I hope you will find the work of collecting to agree

with you; and it will be-
sides be a very great ad-
vantage to me if you can
superintend or carry out
the work. Perhaps you can
send Eddie Blanchard into
deep swamps occasionally
as I want specimens from
all localities. Will send you
a list of specimens wanted
soon. ^{though you will not hesitate to}
~~expect anything~~
I received the paper with
an account of the Town Hall
ceremonies, for which many
thanks to M. I should judge
that you succeeded in mak-
ing the stage very pretty
with your flowers.

I am sorry to hear that
Tom persists in sticking

to the blacking business,
for ^{as} I wrote Milton, I have
no idea that he can suc-
ceed. Times have greatly
changed since success on
the lines he is pursuing
was possible. Organization
and capital usually win
now, and a small busi-
ness man has little chance.

Was delighted to hear of your
visit from Brenda; should
think it must have been
very enjoyable. Sorry to hear
of Milt's ill-health; but trust
the summer has benefitted
him.

Shall probably start for To-
hio before long to get some
work done on my teeth.

The Stockbridges are still in
our house; but expect they
will set up for themselves
soon. Rae tries everything
I tell her to say; and her
list of words is quite a
long one. She imitates the
rooster, sheep, cow, owl, dog
and of course is very interest-
ing. Shall try to get some
new photos. this next week.

I have just received
a lot of new books and
feel quite grand with them.

You will excuse a short
letter for I have put off
writing so long that, I
have no more time.

Yours in love
Will

Wm. P. Brooker.