

Newark

December ^{14th} 1840

Dear Margaret

have deferred that pleasure until now; you will perhaps think it could not have been much pleasure as it would not have been left so long a time; but that is not the case; for believe me Dear Margaret I know of nothing that can contribute more to my enjoyment than writing to my absent friend although separated a few miles apart yet we can convey our feelings to each other with a fold much pleasure; I will tell you Margaret how I spent my Christmas I arose in the morning as usual & proceeded to my daily employment; there was ~~no~~ teaching in our church but in the afternoon there was a anniversary Sunday school in the Halcyon St Church I completed my ~~Atcham~~ affairs by that time I dressed my self & went to Mass; in the church there was several dialogues spoke they was very interesting & I enjoyed my self very well concerning the day as you no that Christmas day is not of much pleasure to me Mrs Loring spent the day with us & seemed quite like herself she seemed very happy; Mr & Mrs Ranking called in the evening they were on their way to Trinity Church; I feel very lone some since they left us but she calls very often & seems very friendly; Mrs Lander is well & is as distant as ever but she is in the fashionable way; Margaret I suppose you recollect our Lampton ride last winter to Mr Gardner's ~~his~~ his daughter was married I did not know until I had got it past rote that you

heard of the wedding I should not have wrote it I was considerably
wont to think they did not ask me; but I will not ask her when
I am married; Margaret you have quite disappointed me in not a
coming out to spend ^{and} with us before this time but I do hope you
have not give up the idea of coming; Margaret as you are very
fond of going to giving visits the Baptist Minister has had one
yesterday & to day Mr Beldon has had one the church where
Mother goes. Eliza & Mother went the first day I did not go I
thought I save my money untill Brother Roberts has one there
is to be one next week that is to be Mr Fitches the free church Minister
I suppose whilst I am writing you are enjoying your self to the
party my thoughts are there altho I am not the reason why I have
not come is because I did not like the idea of coming alone as I am
young I thought perhaps some one might take the advantage
of me, in stead of coming I have spent my time in ^{my} ^{own}
with perhaps will be all for the best in the end what happens
is all for the best so I suppose this will be there is a concert this evening in
the grace church Mr. Nichol has gone & has not returned yet it is
ten o'clock & as I have not finished my letter I will not stop;
Margaret Manning seems to be the order of the day every body
seems to be getting married most all the families that I do know
& those that I do not know I have almost made up my
mind to take a husband If I should get a chance If such
chance should be the case I will let you know; Mr Nichol has
just slept in he know its a stiring his feet; I have received a letter
from Eliza & wish of foid me much pleasure I think I will attempt

to answer this letter; give my love to your Aunt Eliza & Uncle
John tell them we should be pleased to have a visit from them
be fore they go home; Margaret I hope ^{are} are to have a visit from you
soon for I do feel very lonesome; Mr Nichol asked me not long since when
you was a coming out I told him soon; Ann Eliza & Susan have
just returned from a party they are down stairs a telling the
proceedings of the evening to their Mother she is a needing bread
we are agone to bake to Morrow I expect we shall have some
nice things to eat I do wish you would come out & enjoy them
with us; I will know close my letter by saying good by write next
week if you do not come out but come if possible give
my love to all that inquires after me; fare well Margaret
It is eleven
o'clock

Eliza Burrell
Margaret Sands

Attached Friend

Before this reaches you a New Year will be begun
and I will wish you a happy New Year, I have thought I
would go down to your City and spend New Year, as I had
a very polite Invitation I last week, but I have given it up,
I expect my Husband will be down, if so he will call and
see you; Mr Horton talks of going also, I presume he will call
on you he says he will make another attempt, Margaret
I was glad to hear you had not forgotten your promise. I need
not say we shall be pleased to see you for nothing we can afford
me more pleasure than a visit from a much loved friend, my love
to Sarah & Brothers families and your ~~Dear~~ Dear Brothers,
except for yourself my best wishes, Adieu & V. L.

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