

S. B. March 17th 1908

Dear Sarah:

It was pleasant to find that everything seems to have gone well in my absence. There has evidently been a great house cleaning, for curtains, paint and things generally are freed from the winters dust, and look so fresh that I wish someone was here to enjoy it with me.

The snow still lingers in the dark corners--indeed I came home in a series of snow squalls from Newburyport so the ground looked quite white for the time being. Dr. Willis got into the cars at Eliot, and I asked him about such a case as Katys, and he said he thought she would get well, but that it would be some time first probably. In the mean time the medicine was the best possible that she could have.

The French books Chacun Sa Vie & Rivois were here. Shall I send them to you? The pleasantest note just came from Mrs. Boyle O'Reilly and I have answered it. Sometime I should like to see some of those great workings out of such problems very much.

I havent seen anybody yet outside of the household. So have nothing to tell you except the thing I can hardly find words for--how happy you and dear Mrs. Fields made my visit from beginning to end. "I trust that I have proper reflections" even though words are lacking. I hope all will work out well about 'Joanna Clark.' I haven't said anything about her here--only that we should look for somebody to come until Katy gets strong enough to come back. I hope Mrs. Fields is much stronger this morning, and can get out today, though the air seems a bit raw here. The letter went to Mr. De Normandie by the early mail you may be glad to know. Did you enjoy the singing at Loulie's? Dearest love to you both, from an affectionate

M. R. J.

(sister Mary)