

Sapporo, May 3d, 1881.

My dear sister:

Your letter of March 5th. was received one week ago, and I must first answer the questions contained therein. Prof. Peabody now expects to return to America in July. His home is Champagne, Ill. I hope that the Kartakushi will keep him for he is a very nice gentleman: but I do not know as he could be persuaded to stay longer.

He has a prospect of an en-  
gagement in the Ill. State  
University. I don't know as  
I have ever mentioned any-  
thing concerning his kind-  
ness to me during my ill-  
ness: but it is not that I  
have not appreciated it.  
He gave up his bed, a hair  
mattress much better than  
my straw one; and he spent  
much time with me. Dr.  
Cutler was also very kind  
and attentive, and managed  
my case which was a rather  
peculiar and unusual  
one with much skill.

You inquire if I know anything of the "Compound Oxygen Treatment." Not from experience or having seen it used: but I have read advertisements of it; and must say that of anything concerning which such extravagant claims are made I am always suspicious. It is nothing more apparently than a quack nostrum, and very likely with it are given certain directions as to diet, open air exercise &c. to the following of wh- is to be as-

cribed the principal portion of the benefits, if any, resulting from its use.

There is undoubtedly oxygen enough in God's free air, if we will only give it a chance, and I for one would advise you not to rely upon oxygen from any other source. Of course this opinion will reach you after you have used the medicine, and it may not be worth much to you: but such as it is, I offer it.

The Town Report was received and very glad was I to see it: but what a horridly written

school-report. Grammatical errors are numerous, and the expression is cumbersome. I would recommend the chairman of that committee to follow some of the advice of wh. he is so lavish.

I continue steadily to grow stronger and now fancy I am able to undergo almost as much fatigue as ever I could.

On the 27th. Ult. I was called upon to deliver a short speech to the boys of the common schools of this place, the occasion being

the opening of the season  
for farming operations, all  
the boys of suitable age  
being required to work.

I, of course, spoke in English  
and Mr. Oshima, one of our  
graduates, interpreted my  
remarks. I would give a  
few sentences, then wait  
for him to interpret — a  
very good way of speak-  
ing when you have had  
no time for preparation  
which was my case at that  
time — it gives plenty of chance  
to think what you will  
say next. Our next grad-

beautiful here and  
farming is just beginning  
though the snow has been  
gone scarcely more than  
a week.

It is now my supper  
time and my stomach  
calls, so I must close  
this hurried scrawl.

Yours as ever lovingly

Will