

Sapporo, Hokkaido,

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My dear sister;

The last home mail quite unexpectedly received three days ago brought no letter from either you or Mat. I try to think that the reason must be that the mail left a little earlier than common; but I cannot help fearing that you may be

too unwell to write
as M's last letter sta-
ted that you were quite
ill. I think, as I wrote
M. in my last, that
you are not nearly
particular enough to
breathe fresh air. I have
for many years made
it a rule always to
have an open window
either in my sleeping
room or in a room ad-
joining with the door
between the two rooms
open; and to this I as-
cribe my entire rec-

down from any trouble
with the lungs and
from coughs such as I
used to have when younger.

For a fortnight now I
have been riding horse-
back more or less al-
most every pleasant.

I began moderately, but
now I ride any distance
without fatigue. I have
given up jirrikisha rid-
ing and walk all a-
bout town.

Yesterday Dr. C., Prof. P.
and myself went to Ten-
ibako, my first ride

over the new rail-road.
He went down to see
the sea and the snow
in some places between
Zembako and Otaro
thirty feet deep on the
track, having slid down
from the cliffs. No trains
between these two places
for about a fortnight.
Snow here is still about
five feet deep on the level.
The weather is now pleas-
ant, but cold; it thaws
but little. Please be very
careful of yourself and
don't teach unless you are
strong. With love as ever,
Will-