



Ursuline Convent Three Rivers.

January 14, 1841

My dear Sister,

I have much less time than I would wish, to answer your long and to me most precious letters. you cannot imagine how much I would like to be with you; but I prefer to defer our meeting a few short months, in order to perfect the French; as I should be sorry to go home now, knowing only a few short

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Description: Rebecca Usher, of Hollis, wrote from the Ursuline Convent at Three Rivers, Quebec, to her sister to explain to her sister that she wanted to stay at the convent school "to perfect the French."

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pleasure of seeing him in May. ~~but~~  
I must bid you good night as my time  
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Your own Sis - R -

Dear Rebekah

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Jan 41 sent  
Mr. P. & W. W. Lane

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with future prospects, I should be most  
happy, to receive a paper now and then.

Tell Ellen that as she did not send  
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a good long letter from her, and Caroline.

I shall expect a word or two from  
Eliza, just to say that I am not forgotten.

Give my love to all my kinsfolk and  
acquaintance and tell them they may  
expect to see a true Canadian, when  
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