



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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I must bid you good night as my time
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Your own Sis - R -

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

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

Give my love to all my kindfolk and
acquaintance and tell them they may
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I come home. If Thom comes to on, in
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