

Saint John Jan 28th /60
My. Dear George

I thought you had almost forgotten me and was agreeably surprised by receiving a letter from you and in return would write a letter to you

In the first place I wish you a Happy New Year and many returns of the same. I deprecy Santa Claus was very kind to you and that you have ^{received} a good many unfull keepsakes from the old Gentleman

old Santa Claus was dropped out comical enough before New Year and Christmas on the Shop Windows ^{here} I was glad to hear that you are able to go out to see sights and hear Lectures

I hope you will continue better and enjoy many more sights and all a blessing and comfort to all around you. The weather is as cold with you perhaps as with us and if so you must be very much confined to the

House but you will try no doubt
to amuse yourself and Grandpa
Every little Boy is not blessed with
a kind Grandpa like you are
and I hope you are thankfull and
try not to annoy him or give him
trouble. There was a Poor little
Orphan Girl who had lost both
father & Mother with the Cholera who
had been amusing herself coasting
down a Hill near the Ship Yard
the tide was high and she went over
the Bank and before they had
her taken out she was dead. dead.

Just a Boy who was out at the
Lake skating on a Sunday went
through a hole and was drowned
it was a very sad thing for the
Boy to be about such work on
a Sunday and we must hope
a lesson to others not to follow
his example. I was out of the
Lake ^{in the hall} in company with a young
Gentleman and an old lady
well we wanted to crop to our

a Bog that was there and there
was a Bog to walk over well the
gentlemen was assisting the Old lady
over after one when down she dropped
into the Bog with both legs up
to the knees as if she had been
planted there ^{to grow} so after some little
time she had her taken out and
sent into the City for dry
clothes every time I think of it
and see the old lady in her
trouble stuck helplessly in among
the mud like a Wrege plant
it makes me laugh this City is very
much alarmed after by Fires but
we ought to be thankful we have
escaped hitherto on Saturday a
Person that we are acquainted
with who owned and lived in
a large three story House were turned
out by Fire and had almost
all their Furniture and clothes
burnt and more than all nearly
lost a little baby of a Year old
but Poor little thing it was saved
which was a comfort

Sack fresh has been very busy
here of late & a Loge Sepell left here
last week and after buffeting about
the Bay for some time she had
to put back again a day or two ago
with every one of the Crew frozen
very badly with the exception of the
Captain and one boy poor fellow
they had a bad time another Sepell
was lost a shore crew ship and
the Cook and two others were frozen
to death there is a place here for
all such unfortunately persons to
be placed called the Marine Hospital
some years ago a Sepell called the
Ashwater was lost here and one of
the Crews was Captain of Her well
a number of poor fellows were
badly frozen and some of them
have been in the Hospital ever since.

I hope you will write me soon
again if you are well and also Ann
give my love to Anne and Willie
and ask them if they remember me
I suppose. Baby cannot speak yet
give him a kiss for me our love & regards