

City of Dubuque, January 31. 59.

My Dear Emma,

Faithful to its mission the white winged messenger, sparkling with beams of light from the consecrated atmosphere which surround the altar a loving sister's heart, speed its way hither and alight in my presence, and for a long time doubtless that sister has been impatiently awaiting its return, while I have negligently caused its detention and delay.

This you will say is no new fault of mine, and I will acknowledge it to be a fact, and thus regrettable. I have no plea to offer in palliation of my fault, & must claim to have in the present instance a most excellent one. It is this. In the attempt to comprehend the overwhelming amount of happiness the boundless sea of intense delight whose waves are flowing over the soul of my sister, the inexhaustible fountain of love and light, which has so recently burst forth from her heart, and thus, ^{the} immaculate excellence, the ^{vision}

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