

Beausville June 28th

My dear sister,

I am so glad
this time of trouble and
I suppose you are expected in it
in many ways, although you are far from
the seat of it, so you hear some
plans on foot, so I am sure
I would like to know how you are
getting on this summer, with
your health, and how does the garden
prosper, what a curioity the city
growing on the shore of a great
lake have been, it is a very strange thing
the course of the two are so different,
we are all pretty well at present,
father is putting a good deal this
summer, he is not sick, but grows

reable. otherwise he is about the same as when you saw him, James health
has not been good, since she had the Agrippa's in the winter, but she does
not quit work, I think a few weeks rest would do her good, I've had a
letter from Bartholomew dated June 20th, he got home some on the 25th of June
and was doing well, the two out other things he took from him were growing, only
a white grape vine he took had sent out about two & half feet long, each
shoot having two clusters of grapes, the berries as large as squirrel's nut already,
says it seems more like living than now than at any time since he went,
some of his young, as well as bees are beginning, have been as large as
hens eggs don't know what they will get to be by August, the prospects
for grain crops very promising, wheat almost ready to harvest,

we had a letter from sister Catherine the other day, they are as
well as usual except one, and she is better, they are poorly, I am
not able to do any thing, Ephraim's health about as usual, I am
writing in very good spirits, Emma's and Mary were in Toronto a few weeks
ago and saw Mr. Hall, he said Emma was looking much better this summer,
she writes that she and her family had just been to Toronto on a visit

Suppose our sister and Emma will soon be with you to spend vacations,
Eliza's last term at school closed yesterday, she will visit at home
and return again before she comes home, Henry called here

yesterday he looked better than he
did last summer, Elgar is at Dennis
this summer, trying his hand at farming
he likes it very well, and I think seems
pleased with him, I hope he will take
a journey or ramble, I think it will be
better for him than any other employ-
ment we see very rarely since he went
away, he will be at home to go to
school next winter.

We are having a drought at present,
the early part of the season was cold
and wet, so the ground is very dry
and vegetation is suffering for want of
rain, I see a notice of one is writing
to J. D. Wilbur to forward the Ladies Home
Trage to her, she is to send the book during
the summer of the year, if she receives
them please let us know, with love
to all remaining, and affectionately
to write to me

Sarah