

Samokov,

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1870.

My dear ones all at home,

Although

it is almost two o'clock, so that it really is Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, I am so afraid that I will oversleep in the morning & not get a letter started home to you, that I take the first chance to write to tell you that we have received our boy & are delighted with it. I want to thank everybody for everything & for all the trouble & love that each one of you have put into the boy, but it is so late that I cannot think of more than just giving you a word of appreciation!

We did not receive the boy till  
almost dark this evening, & as  
it was such a splendid big  
one it has taken in all this  
time to open it & examine  
the contents, <sup>& if we have got liquor & take account</sup> it is voted by  
<sup>Mr. G. Jr</sup> the whole Hancock Station  
to be the most perfectly  
packed box. Nothing was  
broken except some of the  
wax candles. Some of the  
things were very wet, as for  
instance ~~off~~ of one of the  
corn cans, the paper was entirely  
poked off. No serious damage  
is done. The crumpling probably  
took place between here & Cinch.  
I should love to write more, but  
as I am on the sick list, I try

You will excuse me tonight

M. H. O'neary, Secretary Hancock St. Society

Very affectionately  
Yours  
M. H. O'neary

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