

Cheltenham  
North Shore -  
Jan'y 12. /81.

Father seemed  
very pleased at  
the card. Susan  
enclosed - I  
wished it had  
been addressed  
to him

My darling Lucy,

I think it is  
your turn for a letter so as it  
is a very cold morning I thought  
I would sit down and have a chat  
Dear Father is sitting in the  
arm-chair reading. When I  
look at him and think of the  
wonderful improvement there  
is in his health my heart rises  
in thankfulness to our Father  
in Heaven for his goodness to us.  
A month ago he could scarcely  
have walked from our old house  
in North Street to Mr. Wade's with

out-fatigue. and now we are out  
nearly all day. Yesterday we  
walked to a place called Narrow  
Neck. where the sea on each side of  
the land nearly meets. At high  
water there is only the width of  
a good wide road between. It  
is about as far from here as the Ocean  
Beach is from the Bluff. There is  
no need by the road & thought we  
would return by the beach which  
is easily done where the tide is out.  
We got on very well till we came  
to one place where the tide was  
higher than we expected to find it.  
we had no choice. so off we took  
stockings & boots and waded.  
Father seemed quite to enjoy it.  
and we reached home without  
any further adventure. In the

afternoon. we tried fishing  
off some rocks. but owing to our  
having no good bait we caught  
nothing. Today it is raining  
just about as hard as it can.

Dear Father's mind seems gradually  
~~going to~~ ~~but~~ ~~its~~ ~~old~~ ~~state~~. though  
he still lacks the assurance of  
salvation. - but it will come. I feel  
sure. I suppose you are at the  
Bluff enjoying the sea. Father  
& I often wish you were all here  
with us. for it is so lovely about  
such pretty spots. We have nothing  
so pretty near Invercargill.  
I got a letter from Jessie telling  
me that Emma was at the Bluff  
too. I do hope the change will set  
her up again. I was also thankful  
to hear that Fred had two small

surveys to do. it is better than  
nothing and I hope he may get  
something better to do afterwards.  
Susie did not say whether you  
were staying with Mrs. Ford or Mrs  
Gale. Give my warmest love to both.  
Grandpapa was over yesterday &  
was delighted with dear Father.  
for he really was almost cheerful  
but of course he varies and I feel  
that I cannot be sure of his getting  
well till he is able once more to rest  
in Christ - his Saviour. Hope you  
still pray for it: don't give up.  
He would be delighted to get a note  
from any of you. so I hope you will  
write soon = Now good-bye darling  
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