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Wheatland Lancaster
Jan 10. 1863.

My dear Lily,

I must send
my most sincere congra-
tulations to you & Miss
Berghmans - to whom
I beg you will make
them acceptable in
the most approved &
understanding manner.
of course she is lovely -
"golden hair" - "cerulean
eyes" - a complexion
compared to which the
rose & the peach are
nothing - a mouth - a
perfect mouth, or which
will be so, when filled
with well formed teeth.

I picture to myself this
vision of infantile loveliness,
& whether she answers
to this description or
not, I am heartily
glad she has arrived,
& still more glad, to
hear that you are so
well.

Harriet Buchanan left
on Thursday, & you may
imagine how sadly I
miss her; - she had
been with me nearly
five months, & grows
sweeter & more lovable
each visit. She promised
to go & see you today,
& let me know how
you were; - & I hope
soon to hear good accounts
of you through her.

Macalester & many mil.
It has been trying to
give us a heavy snow
storm for three days,
& as the wind still
continues from the
east. I fear we will
have doleful weather;
so far, the season has
been lovely, & we have
had our rides without
interruption. Harriet
became a famous
equestrian whilst she
was here.

Uncle would no doubt
have some messages
of love & congratulation
if he knew I was
writing - he was quite
astounded at the
announcement of Miss

Berghmans arrival.
Thank your father for
his kind letter &
with much love, & your
best wishes for "a
happy New Year" to
you, & the young lady.
Believe me, dear Lily,
ever -

Yours sincerely
& affectionately
Harriet Lane