

12. John. S. Roeseler to Rev. John Fritsche, January 13, 1899

[Translation]

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Dear Parents!

5 Sarah, the children, and
grandfather came home
happily.

Oskar still coughs
pretty badly so that
you can't think anything
other than that
10 it must be whooping cough.
He often gets
very brown and sluggish
with the coughing
seems as if he would suffocate.

15 Often blood comes
out his mouth
and nose. Sometimes
he has to throw up.

20 Edna's cough is
also apparently getting
worse day to day
Sarah's cold is
quite a bit
better, but not
25 completely
over it. Today
she must have
gotten a bit of
a new cold again.

30 Last night it rained
and thawed and
today it is still so
wet and foggy weather
so that it appears
35 as if the snow
would all go
away

(over)

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I am studying diligently

40 daily I am preparing
to hold 6 history lessons
in Sauk City
the graduates of the Sauk
City High School have
45 asked me to do so
and I agreed
My first lesson will be
on the "American Discovery
and colonization"
50 the 2nd the Revolution
3rd Andrew Jackson
4th John C. Calhoun
5th Henry Clay and
Daniel Webster
55 6th Abraham Lincoln
Otherwise I don't have any
work yet. Two positions were
offered to me from Chicago School
Supply Department Stores
60 but
I did not accept
them.
Hopefully this will
reach you
65 in best health.
With greetings from Sarah,
Edna, Oskar, Freddie and
me to you all
I will close
70 for this time
John S. Roeseler