

but I must close & take baby  
write soon & tell the rest to  
do so too

from your sister

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give love to all & do write soon  
& often

I will send you a few pie melon  
seeds make an excellent pie  
plant them some of you

Scott Dec<sup>r</sup> 1860

Dear Brother

I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter  
Friday & will endeavor to  
write a few lines. I have the  
baby in my lap & you must  
excuse me.

It is snowing now & I hope  
we shall have some sleighing  
you do not know how I have  
wished that I was in VT  
today & could attend church  
for there is no meeting in the  
schoolhouse only in the evening  
now & it is not very pleasant  
taking baby out in the evening  
he takes cold very easy too he is  
trying to learn to walk now  
makes poor work <sup>of it</sup> of it as if his  
limbs were weak perhaps they are