

Lexington Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1855-

My dear Daughter

Your affectionate letter commenced on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan & finished up on our call when - was read last evening to our great joy and relief - not having heard from you for a good many days - So you see that a failure on your part to write regularly is always the occasion of uncomfortable anxiety & solicitude - fearing that something is the matter - Altho your letters show some improvement - There is evidence yet of that haste and incaution - in your spelling & hand writing shown by so much of indistinctness & evident hurry with which you seem to press on, until you get through - what seems to be a task this should not be - take your time - improve your hand writing - attend to your spelling & write frequently & your improvement will be rapid - So in the discharge of your school duties - give you undivided attention & you will soon make respectable attainments - You speak of certain Abolitionist - and think to best not to show my letter about Betsey & her daughter - perhaps this is well enough - If that is their principals - But in this I think you are mistaken - This is not the impression

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all send you love & regards - yrs devoted Father  
H. J. B. C.

How comes on the Miss <sup>of</sup> of thy you  
do not speak of them in any of your  
letters - their Father (who I see often) awlways  
enquires - when I have heard from Pittsfield  
he seems to feel very anxious for them  
and that they should do well - I hope you  
treat them kindly & with attention, Among  
your Christmas gifts - you do not tell us  
who you gave to, and from whom you  
received - I have seen in a Boston letter  
published in Lexington - an account from  
your Christmas festival - Have you seen  
it - does the letter do you all justice or  
is it overdrawn - If you should meet  
with the letter - tell us what you  
think of it & how is the thought of  
we have had the mildest and  
most delightful winter I have ever  
experienced - I fear we shall not get a  
supply of ice - Having got but little and  
that very thin - The roses bushes in the  
open ground is fresh in leaf - I send you  
a Sprig from the " Maria Leonida" which  
will surprise you - fresh & green - you  
must send to the post office & get a supply  
Envelops of good size - & not stuff your  
note envelops - with large letters - write your  
letters home on large sheet &c - and do not  
again pay double postage