

Dear Aunt you will see from
the date of this letter that it had
been written some time, After
I commenced to write, a rising
came on my finger which was
too painful to allow me to think
of any thing but of my dear
sister a day or two ago all was
well as usual, received one from
George Allen last night he said
his family were well, says he has
got the smartest prettiest sweetest
baby in the wide world I guess Will
& Rena would dispute that,
Mr K. was disappointed about going to
Lexington, With the hope of seeing
you or hearing from you soon
I remain yours affectionately
Wm

Jan 25th 1842

Dear Aunt Jane

I have been trying
for more than a week to get an
opportunity to write to you but have
been interrupted, The children
are at school & every thing is quite
which is not often the case, I had
a letter from Mollie yesterday, all the
family are as well as usual, Why
did'nt you go down to see Ma I
dont believe you will ever grow
My health has been rather better this
winter than usual in the winter
althrough, I have not been out of
the house since October, this has
been the most disagreeable winter
I ever knew, We hired a negro woman
last summer who had four children