Addison Jany 1st 1868

My Dear Child

As it the commencement of a new day & a new year I sit down a few moments to answer your welcome letters I was very sorry to hear you had another fit, for I was in hopes you never would have another, but we know not what will the morrow, we are all well except bad colds Martha is about sick I expect every day she will be laid on a sick bed, she was almost crazy with her head & ear night before last for an hour or so, it finally broke & shook the very bedstead as though she had a chill of the ague she has a very bad cough & her tounge looks rather bad & they are wanting to be on the go somewhere I expect she will have the typhoid fever if she is not careful Aunt Polly Smith has been here most a week she went to Alberts yesterday Mrs Blanch staid here Monday night I suppose M has written you all about their visits & what they want to do so I need not try to tell you any thing about

it you seem to be pleased because you were growing fleshy but I think it not a very good symptom I do not think you would be any better on account of your fats, I was afraid I should think you had worked to hard I know that is natural let you be where you will I think you did when you was at home I would again if you had a chance if you could make up your mind to be quiet it might be better for you, still exercise is better than not to, but you must remember to take care of yourself or no one can take care of you, I wish I could take care of you but we know not whose turn it will be to go first Aaron Merill was buried last sunday I suppose if you have the Bergenner paper you will see some deaths in that City I was acquainted with & how many that commenced the last year have been hurried into Eternity in an unexpected moment there is quite an interest in Bridport on religion they think a great deal of their new minister & I hope there may be a great work there & it will go from heart to heart & from town to town if you can get this low mallows any where there you better drink it I think it was good for Martha but I suppose it is brace up it snows this morning looks a though we might have some sleighing well your father is going out east if it does not storm I dont know but I may go with him & see Mrs goodspeed she is very feeble I would not wonder if she did not live long the rheumatism goes to her head & sets her into spasms she is nearly every well write as often as you can we did not get your letter till sunday the mail was delayed