

Mayville, Mo. Jan. 2, 1878.

My dear Mother;

Sue's letter to Albert was received today and much enjoyed by him — more I believe because it was his letter than from its contents. I received a new style New Year card from Miss Gwynne Snye — new to me at least and very pretty — gilt ground with ~~the~~ Hawthorne blossoms & leaves and other flowers in relief. The card was enclosed with a few lines telling her address and asking me to write.

The paper containing your poem was received. It is just beautiful — true poetry. I shall