



Feb 7th - 1857

My dear Sister

I received your very welcome letter a few days since, and let me assure you it afforded me no little pleasure to hear from my dear Mother and Sisters once more, it is the first letter I have had from any of you since I left Lexington.

The children are all well except Charles Anna her health is more delicate than it has been for a year, as for myself, I have despaired of ever being well, my health is very bad, I never see a well minute my lungs have become very much affected, and I am scarcely ever able to be up, I have quit taking medicine and take a cold bath every morning but I fear it is too late to benefit me any, I have a dreadful cough