My Dear Brother

We are All Smart. I wish you A Mery Christmas i was very Glad to recieve a letter Frome you. Mother is Going to Send you Some Apples Mother went to Grand Fathers yesterday afternoon. Mary Gibbs and daughter is Down From Sandwich i Went to party Monday to Francis Homers. thare was But 18 thare thay had a Christmas tree Hung with [page] little Bags of Canday and Cornballs and papers of nuts For Supper We had Frosted Cake and 3 Kinds of Cookies Nana was very Glad to have a letter From you and tried to write you But Could not Make out as i Cant think of Enny thing Else So Good By From

your Sister
Myra H Sears

My Very Dear Boy

We were all very glad to receive our letters from you on tuesday, and still more pleased to find you was more contented, I felt very bad when I read your first letter to find you was homesick, though I did not think it strange as you was never away from home I hope you will get entirely over it through I did not think it strange as you was never away from home I hope you will get entirely over it though [page] I want you to think of home and always love it. am glad you have a fire in your room for I think you cannot Keep cold with one We are all doing finely at home Father and Grand Father have been killing his pig and tomorrow they are going to kill ours Nana had to stay out of school as witness, but was rather afraid when it began to squelal. I suppose you have hard of Uncle Levis arrival in Boston though I do not know as the ship has got up town, suppose he will be looked for home very soon, he does not intend to go to sea again at present Uncle Cyrus left hom to day to go away in the ship Renown bound to California Grand Father & Mother intended to have gone to Sandwich this week but Monday noon stage brought Mary Gibbs and daughter down there on a visit so they will have to postpone it probably they will go next [page] week if so, we will send you some apples and cakes and if they do not go we will sent it by the cars and will let you know beforehand, that you may know when to go to the depot after it. I wish I could hand some to you now, I suppose Charlie has written you about the boys &c there is but little news stirring suppose if Nana was up would have a word for Henry I read him your letter and which pleased him much the next think I knew he had run off to Grand Fathers to show it to them, says he is going to write one to you. Do you have any more studies than at the commencement think you ought to have more, dont you, but suppose the teacher will think he is the best judge does Levi & Willie have any more do you try hard to learn hope you will not forget Mothers advice to try to learn all you can now, for you will never have a better opportunity and never be any younger hope you are a good boy, and do right always, do you
have to keep your room most of the time are you allowed to go in each
others rooms do you find all you clothes returned [remainder in margin on
first page:] from washing you must keep a look out for them &c it is
nearly ten o clock and I must bid you good night and hope Tuesday will
bring another letter from you we will write every week and you must do
the same
Your affectionate Mother
Sarah C Sears