I have so glad that you made a visit to our dear little Nellie and found her so comfortably situated, I am fearful that Wm with his small salary would not be able to furnish the actual necessaries for housekeeping and it was out of my power to help them out in the matter but it seems from your account that she is comfortable and happy which is a great blessing and I think, both, you and Nellie ought to be thankful that you were fortunate enough to marry kind and affectionate Husbands — I wish I could say the same of poor Hattie — I have not heard from Bill for more than two weeks I don't know what can be the matter. She usually writes once a week — write often I must close with much love to all from your own affectionate — Father

Farm House Apr May 5th 1875

My dear Daughter

Your letter under date of the 27th April is at hand and read with pleasure, as it relieved me of much anxiety about you — as I wrote George some time ago, and had heard nothing from you — but your letter explained the matter satisfactorily —

I am sorry to learn of the low state of health of Mr Binley, but hope that under the influence of the change of climate and air, that he will be benefited, and restored to his usual health again, I shall feel quite anxious till I hear from him again, I was aware of his having been quite feeble for some time, but had no idea that he was so weak

as to be cumed on board of the
Cars, I suppose Grace could
not have left his business
and gone with them
very well, if they
could possibly get along with
out his assistance. He seems
to stand the sea voyages very
well, and seemed to move
somewhat, and I hope may
be the means of restoring
him — I take it for granted
that you all keep well as
you say nothing to the
contrary — I have spent a
most tedious, and lonely
winter, and the cold
weather still continues, we
have not been able to do any
Gardening or planting yet, and
no patience for Crows — fence
I have just finished the Garden
yard a Picket fence all around
it, and made Chicken, and Hog tight,
and if they dont have a good Garden
now, it is their own fault, We
have set out raspberry, and
currents all around the margin
along the fences down the main
walk, which is on the east side
of the garden, we have set out
currents the whole length, which
will form a hedge on each side,
and at the lower end, is a nice
chicken coop, with large yard
enclosed, with high pickets, so
that we can retain them inside
when we please — The fence
round the Garden is between five
and six hundred feet round —
This closes my fencing for the
present I hope, as I am sick
of such hard work, I
have put up since last fall
nearly two thousand feet of fence —