this afternoon, she was taken sick since Sunday, I do not know what was the matter. The little rain of Wednesday has ~~produced~~ brought out everything ~~very much~~, particularly the wheat. Ellen is actually to go tomorrow morning I wish very much she could stay until Monday as I would like to go to Church on Sunday. Well "what can't be cured must be endured", so I must make the best of it. And while I should be delighted to have you dear Mother, when the right time comes, I do not want you to come before that. Altho it is a great trial to part with such a nurse, still it is nothing more than what you and hundreds of other people have been obliged to do. And you know the back will be fitted to the burden. I hope I shall have some more decided news tomorrow about Sarah and also about Jane, as if she is willing to come I shall be very glad to make the arrangement I spoke of in my last letter, we must do something about the milking, altho paying four hundred dollars a year wages for the house servants there is not one that will do it. Don't you think it would be a good notion for us to take boarders for the summer I think that if we were to charge at the rate of 12½ ct for warming a flat iron we could make money fast. Brian has been making his new asparagus beds, he found that he had more plants than he had room for in the garden so he asked me if he should not offer them to Cousin Mary, which of course I was very glad he should do, so he went over there to plant them. We have two boats now, one comes to Hawes's wharf and it goes down and up on the same day. Sally Cheston went up in her to day hoping to