

Wednesday Morning

21<sup>st</sup> Oct: 1855.

My dear Mary.

Your double letter and  
Ethas loving note were received ye-  
terday, and if possible increased  
my desire to be with you. I trust  
that Ethas will continue to improve,  
and that you will keep well. You  
do not write particularly enough  
of your own health. If it is good,  
enlarge upon its good points, and  
if not, I must have all the details.  
Aunt Nancy has been very kind  
and I feel grateful ~~to~~ to her.  
Kate told me you had Ethas like-  
ness taken but did not state  
whether this was a good one.  
We all continue well here.  
Bill is improving. As you see  
we did not start for Washington