I cannot tell how it has happened my dear Mother that you have not heard from Ted since Wm came as this is the third letter he has written - The very day after Wm's arrival Ted rushed to convey my thanks to you for your very acceptable Christmas presents. The butter has lasted for my tables till today & we have supped off the second third. evening & the sandwiches graced our morning meal so you may suppose I have been mindful of your kindness as we always add a word of praise on such occasions as we dispatch it - We are all well - Ashby is cutting her eighth tooth & is pursuing healthy with the exception of an eruption which has broken out on her face & disfigures her completely & I am sure she suffers with it, I have not known what it was to have a good night's sleep for weeks and for the last week I and Mary have been regularly sitting up with her to keep her from scratching herself poor little thing - She has not been very gaily, the girls are having over parties for every evening next week. Aunt Watkins has Monday evening parties when there is a general invitation for the whole winter & they are crowded. Fanny has just come in to spend the evening so I must cut my short for prompt short - I write by a mistake soon but you must not think I am ever forgetful of your Rendrups to me because I do not write you