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Rochester N.Y.

January 1st 1860

Dear Mother

Saturday

My Dear

I have invited for the celebration  
twelve that I might surely be the first to wish my  
New Year,

Ring it out gladly but think of it sadly

The Old Year is dead

Think of it sadly but welcome it gladly

That comes the next day

Departed Year what great things you

For me and the world have done

I had of the Old Year

Unfaithful thought about them

They said - that they performed my tasks

Best of my life and my dear friends

about but it is necessary

to ask of them, that they should

to brighten my life and my friends

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 been thinking of you very much  
 and I wish I could see you  
 and talk to you as often as I  
 would like. I am well at present  
 and I hope these few lines will  
 find you the same. I have not  
 much news to write at present.  
 Everything is quiet here. I wish  
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 like to hear from you very much.  
 I am your affectionate friend,  
 Mary

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I have long been back to the question of course my Book comes  
into requisition. I find therein recorded a set of resolutions of  
1859. Not one of which has been kept. I thought they are very good  
resolutions and must confess that the value of some of them being kept  
is rather funny than otherwise. For I can't conceive how on this  
world I ever expected to keep any of them. I have not written  
any thing in my Book since I came to Rochester. I don't  
know why but suppose it was because I did not feel that  
I had not done much but little more letters to you.  
I don't wish to stop any of my correspondents but I don't  
for I shall have time to write but seldom except to you during the  
rest of the year for I must work with all my might. I hope  
that the next year will be happier than the first which  
has been our many respects the happiness of my life.  
It is <sup>not</sup> strange that I should say so, when you know that  
you have been present without any thing more than your  
work the long winter. I see you for only think that year is almost  
half gone and you know that at least it will be gone in  
three days. I don't know of what time you know they will  
not be disappointed. I am bound to do nothing <sup>and my own</sup> but to  
cooperate with some other education. Part of the time I shall  
be in Concord & Kingsville and the rest in Pa. with you.  
We intend to read up good papers for some Boston College  
during that vacation. I see no reason why we should not  
expect even a much happier year than that which has  
passed, and it is my earnest prayer that we may have  
a successful year to enable us to improve every day  
in making consistent with his joy. I may see you in  
the future, but I don't know where you will be next year  
when that present year has past with all its many  
together we have made one year progress toward eternal life.

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