

December the 27/1868

at home Dear Cousin Ella
i take the opportunity
to answe your letter i
belive about a fortnight ago
ago i have been so busy
that i didnt get time
to write i wish you happy
New year i am taking
School this winter about
ten miles from home i
came down a Christmas evening
i went to a party i
had a good time i was
to fitting school last
Night Father & Mother
is well at present sleeping
is very poor here i had
three or four sleep sides this
winter i have about
twenty scholars that comes