and I shall expect a full description of the Cuttlefish when that comes off. If you get time to attend it—

Remember me always as

Your affectionate Brother

Rutland

My dear Mother Bellin,

I received your good long letter—written & directed wholly by yourself—this morning and haste to answer you—I am very glad to hear from you so glad that you are enjoying yourself so well & making so good progress in your studies. Be very careful that you understand everything in your Arithmetic thoroughly and I know no fun but that you may get through it quick enough.

This is the first time that you have been so far from home at school and I will mention some things which will be of great use to you in gaining the good opinion of your Schoolmates and the Villagers. Don't talk much of the things when you go to come from School. If you do it will be the
In this way you will judge out what others know—and add as much knowledge as your own.

It is now Thursday and if you do not write me tomorrow as soon as you receive this, you had better put it off till next Monday night—and then tell me who they send Representative from Wayne. It also tells me the news from home, if you go there on Saturday so I suppose you generally will.

There have been two tea companies under my window a part of the afternoon and kept me from writing. One was from Logan, Hopeville, the other from Bath. They were a fine looking lot of men and had very cottony unifiers. The Boston Canal Board is now the Lyman Co and the Bath M.B. with them also. They have been playing alternating all the afternoon and in this clear atmosphere, cleaner by last night.