

Carlisle the March 13 1853

My Dear Brother and Sister it is now
all most dark and i have ben to meeten to Day to
the universall house and now i devote a few minutes
of time in writing you a few lines to let you know
that I received your kind letter and was very glad to hear
from you and to hear that you was well. but thoes lines
will bring you disapointment because I cannot come and live
with you Mr Brown cannot spare me he has so much work
to do that he says that he cannot get a long with out me
for he says that I am the best girl that he has in his shop
but you know that self praise goes but a litle were I am sorry
that I cannot attend to your calling but I hope that you will
excuse me this time but peraps you will get some one better than
me and will answer as well Stephen Wife has got a boy he
is a beautif he has got a black head and he ward they judge
~~that he want~~ a about 9 lb want he a Boy " I call
him Charles Frederick Susan sends her love to you and
E. B. she says that she wants to see you very much you
do not know how I want to see you both you must
not think hard of me for not writing before but I have not
had eny time James wants to when you want thoes barrels
he says that so when you call for them that he will make
them he says that he wants to see you very much & it is now
most nine o'clock and I have ben to meeten and we had a very
good ~~time~~ meten I had a very pretty fellow to come
home with me you must excuse my poor writing