

Wilmington Aug 26th 1854

Friend Caroline

I have at last taken my pen in hand to answer your letter which I received some time ago, and I am ashamed to think that I have neglected to answer it, but I hope you will excuse me this time. I will try and do better the next time. My health is very good at the present time and I am to work in the mill. It is very sickly here for a country place, and it is very hot and dry. There has not been any rain for four weeks, it seems as though we should all burn up. How is little Martha Ellen, how much I do want to see her. John said that you had got her miniature taken. I was very sorry that he did not fetch it up and let me see it. The next time he comes up I wish you would send it up and let me see the little dear. I think that I shall go

to the cattle show, and if I see her there I shall make a grand rush for her. Tell Fred he had better look out where he carries her to give my best respects to Fred and tell him I should like to see him very much, ask him if he has got most ready to go to sea. How does Mrs Holland and Lydia do now I should like to see them very much, give my best respects to them, is Mary with you now give my best respects to her and tell her I am going to write to her soon. How is Martha Ann and all her children, I should like to see them very much. I wrote to Martha Ann the next Sunday after I got your letters and I am sorry that she did not get it. I dont see where it went to. Oh! God I must tell you I have been out nursing. I thought that perhaps you would want me when you have the twins. so I thought I would get my hand in a little, so that I should not be quite so green at it. I do not think of much more to write, now you be sure and

send Martha's miniature when fair comes up
write soon and do not take a pattern by me
but I must close and bid you good bye
and accept this with much love from your
true friend

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