

At home, April 16th. (John-1850's)

My dear brother,

I suppose you have been expecting to hear from us for a long time. I know we ought to written before and know of no good reason why we should not.

I had hoped to send you some money and therefore deferred writing longer than I should otherwise. I hardly know to say to you now. Father is abliged make out a huge sum for the bank this week and cannot get away. He is in ()

I know of no way for your to get along unless Mr. B will wait the next turn for his (J..) I know you will not care to ask him but think you will be obliged to do so. I had hoped to have been able myself to have () you but my hopes have ()

Father is very much humbled indeed I think he was never more so. Things look darker than ever before. Helen's health is not yet good. I am afraid she will not yet finish strong enough to go back.

Mary Brown arrived in July. Her father is not recovering very fast.

Helen wishes you to ask his () for a hankercheif that Lucy Taylor has belonging to her. Also her written () in music.

Also want to know if you have any money to get home with and what day you will come so you must write immediately. We shall expect Mr. () with you.

I know that you will feel much disappointed in receiving such a letter and I would it were in my power to make it better.

Your affectionate sister,
Julia