

Williamsfield Oct.

Dear Sisters

as Father is expecting to
 leave here tomorrow morning I must catch a moment's
 time to write a line to you you said I must write a long
 letter by father but I think he can tell you more and
 better than I could on paper as he can tell you all about
 us and I should not know how to write half and that would
 be more than would be worth reading. But stop I heard you
 say that excuse will not apply to months and months gone by.
 I acknowledge it and must plead guilty to the charge of
 gross neglect but I am bound to say it has not been inten-
 -tional as I have repeatedly ~~said~~ ~~promised~~ that I would write but
 before I would do it I would think I would visit ~~until~~ ~~heard~~
 from you and ~~then~~ I have waited until I have been ashamed to
 write but I will endeavor to be more punctual in future if
 you can apply my neglect to any thing but the want of regard
 which won't certainly do it. but if I don't stop I
 shall make a letter of this you say I must let Albion go
 home with Father he says he will go if I will go with him
 and on no other terms do I think he could be induced to go but
 beyond this I have reasons that will compel me to decline your
 very very kind offer if he was there I do not doubt but that he
 would have the most tender care taken of him and if it was no more
 than a hundred miles or so I should be pleased to have him go
 for a short time but could I sacrifice my own feelings in having
 him gone from me I could not think I was doing right in allowing to
 your already numerous cases for many reasons I could wish he might
 go but stronger reasons tell me its is not best I think I shall
 some day visit that place and if I should I should certainly bring him
 with me but tell Jacob to thank him for his present and just now came
 from school full of spirits and says when he has learned one more lesson
 he has got to carry it to school but here my line has got to
 the bottom of the page and I am leaving you my ~~love~~

shoulder thinks you must be grieved to sleep her beingly phis: if you
can read this scrawl but I tell her you are familiar with such but
if she thinks she can improve on it she may try but it is her time
I must stop it seems now if I had taken a whole sheet in the first
place I could write this hour or two as there are many things I
can think of now that perhaps father may not think of

I have been trying to think of something to send by father but
I dont hardly know what it will be except something Louisa wished me
to keep myself or for albin — the sheet was one that your
her mother she always kept it with care and wished me to send it to you
the shawl she wore most of the time during her sickness and damaged
it considerably

~~but I have not been~~
to write more except my warmest thanks for your kindness & good wishes and
all with your fathers aims and in the ties of friendship I remain
Sincerely yours
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