

Calais Aprth 18th 185^a

Dear Aunt It is with pleasure that I take my pen in hand to inform you ~~of~~ of my health which is very good with exception of a bad cold. Father preaches at Moscow today Mother is not very well Martha is ^{to} work to Mr Fra Sents the post master and I am at home now.

I have taken a school in Woodbury this summer and I have a dollar a week it is six miles from home we all live in one house and I think it is a very pleasant place I like very much it is a very convenient house I think there is a kitchen bedroom ~~and~~ butry space way parlor and fire place in both parts.

We have had a Donation party the married people come in the afternoon and the young people in the evening there was thirty four married people and fifty young people they brought in fifty dollars in the whole.

I should like to see you all very much I want you should kiss Etila for me give my best respects to uncle Andrew and Orange and keep the rest for your self it seems as though I must ^{say} kiss little Emma to but I ~~cannot~~ know you cannot. I cannot write any more this time and I want you should write to me as soon as you get this please excuse mistakes.

Direct your letter to Calais
I want uncle Andrew should write some in it too.

This from your most affectionate Mary Powers