

Dear Brother Danville Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1854

I received your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> the day I left New  
~~at~~ which was the 15<sup>th</sup> just before I started I went into the  
office and there found it it was there the night before but there  
was so much going on that I did not have time to go and the  
next morning had to pack my things and it was well that  
I did not for it would have spoilt all of my enjoyment as  
it was I had an excellent time after examination and exi-  
hibition was over ~~thru~~ Wednesday the singing class gave a  
concert and after concert we had an interview and had a chance  
to talk with all the girls and boys that we knew and some  
that I did not I enjoyed myself well whilst I was  
there and should have been pleased to have stayed this winter  
but when started for Danville I expected to come to you  
and was disappointed when I found I could not but all  
is for the best I had the name of passing the best exam-  
ination of any one in my class but my compositions were  
poor things I shall not want you to send me any more  
money for I have gone to work in the Factory in order to  
get some to come home with which I shall do in the course  
of 4 or 5 months for I think I have been gone most long  
enough for the first time you need not tell Mother and  
Aunt because I may not come and if I do had they  
would not know it until I get there if I have work