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Wilmington Delaware Friday evening
March 20th 1863
Dear Brother
It has been so long since we heard from you that we are very anxious about you. I has been over two weeks since we had a letter from you, and we think you must either be so much better that you think it not worthwhile writing before you come home or else that you are so much worse as not to be able to write. I hope it is not the latter. The temperance meetings are still going on and I guess they are having very good success. They are held every Saturday evening in the city hall. Cousin Mary Chandlee is at our house, she says she wants you to come home before she leaves Wilmington, as she wants to see you. I wrote to you a few days after we received your last letter and we put a dollar in it, that was over two weeks ago. It will be 3 weeks next Tuesday. Cousin Johnny Steptoe [John C. Steptoe] was well when we last heard from him and he says he is ready for another battle, I hope he will be as lucky as he has been. I still go to school, we
will have vacation the first week in May. Cousin Ellis was down at Fredericksburg a few weeks ago, he intended to have gone to see you but a snow storm that came on prevented him from going to your hospital. There are a great many cases of small pox in this city, and a great many have died of it. Taggarts buried one child with it, and a family in French Street have buried two and there is another laying in the house at the point of death. Cousin Johnny I believe intends to come after Mary on Sunday but I hope he wont as I want her a little more than a week. I hope you will soon be home; mother always takes the lamp and matches in her room so that if you come she will be ready to let you in, I don't know what is the reason, but she always expects you to come in the night-, I guess it is because you generally do. Please write soon, as we are very anxious about you. We are all right well.

Yours affectionately
Sarah C. Fulton