My very dear Sarah,

I took charge of
the letter as thou wished me to do,
and thou hast got all sent that
thou ordered, and more than thou
ordered. The dress had been got
It is not exactly what I should
have chosen; but I hope thou wilt
not dislike it. The girls got it,
it was cheap that to them, I suppose
was more than anything else. Had
I chosen one it & I have been darker
& grier. I have sent thee such
living as I thought thou might
need. I got holland for the body but
Lizzie thought the white union I
have sent would do better.
Do boots could be got at the office so Lizzie has put thee a pair. The hat got at uncle for herself because she had not time to see about another pair. I hope the bonnet will not come to grief although I fear it will. Lizzie tells me she has packed it with the other things because Medley told her that the two small parcels is lost double the price of one large one. I do not know how many pairs of new drawers they took with thee. I had supposed three if so one pair is gone for I can only make out 11½. I am sure 12 pairs were cut out and made. We received the oranges for which we are much obliged, they are very nice. She has made a small quantity of orange jam but intends making some more or else some marmalade.

I am a good deal concerned to find that thee are still not well. I am afraid thee are wedging and flying about too much. Too much excitement to worse than too little. I do not see what is to keep thee in this lackadaisy state so long without it is thy own fault.

Do what the doctor tells thee, and take regularly what he gives thee and do not play with thyself. It is truly kind of the goblins and the Knights and other friends to take so much care of thee, but if there well not take care of myself their care will be of little use.

1½ of pce. This much was written to go with the parcel, but did not
yet sent so I will not waste paper but add what more I may have to say to it. I suppose they must have been told that our dear friends the Crosbys were ordered to Melbourne for 6 weeks I am sorry to say they are gone. They left on the 17th day by the train for Lancaster to go direct from the train to the steamer, so suppose they will arrive at Melbourne this morning. Eliza Balik went with them although she had thought of taking lodgings here for a time, I am much afraid they will not get back in time. and I think Catherine Crosby feared it, she did not at all like the move but it seems it had to be. Richard Crosbys wife had presented him with a little girl; it was born last Sunday morning, and it turned to be a little
Crosby, Marion Giblin has been far from well for some time past but is better than the rest. Lizzie had a letter from Mr. Nicholas by the last mail the day the last three months has been so long it seems like three years. I have quite made up my mind to return to brighter sheets and warmer clime next year, that is, if I am spared. This is a fearful climate to live in for any one coming from the south, it requires an iron constitution and that I have. as you will see by this quotation that we shall soon see her back if her health permits of her taking the voyage. She has had rather a rough specimen of the northern weather.

We are all very glad to hear of Barton Giblin's recovery and sincerely hope his wife has not suffered in health.
by her anxious watching. Remember
us very kindly to both. Poor Sir
W. Astor's Latinean friends seem
to have felt much sympathy for
him, his wife under their late
bereavement. Uncle John's girls
said not May aunt, but I heard
several other of his friends speak in
the same way, as if they could not
believe it, and express great sym-
pathy. My very kind regards
and sincere thanks to Mr. Knight
and her brother for all their kind-
ness to thee, and to those who know her and who have been
acting after thee, and all have
expressed their opinion of the
kindness of her nature.
I must not forget to thank thee
for the photograph, as I think
quite as good as any I have seen
which perhaps is not treading a great
deal for it; for neither than nor
I am much flattered by the pho-
tographers. I am told I ought
to sit again, but I have not yet
yielded, for I get nothing that I
like. Oh by the bye, I have got a
very nice likeness of dear Sue en-
larged from the small one done
by L.C. Threlkeld. Thanks for the
picture it will be better. Rather larger
and it would be still better if it
could have been shaped for the elbow
but will be less comfortable
as it is. I hope the bonnet will
be a success; but while thinking
my bonnet will bear comparison
with it to any civilized unfractured
judicious eye.