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### Julia Gilmore Wrote Her Brother, Darius

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17 September 1871

Amelia, Virginia

Julia Gilmore wrote her brother, Darius, that Christine Gilmore was not well and that she and Mary Van Raalte took care of the little boy, [A. C. Van Raalte Gilmore]. Julia has been homesick, too. The baby cries a great deal. Julia writes a very chatty letter.

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Give my love to Mr and Mrs Lord of men  
Down & Henry Lane Bill Brown John and Mary  
and tell Bill he must do best and let me  
know when he is going to meet me I can come  
down with much love & am your affectionate  
brother  
John Gule

mean that's what I do I hear the baby squalling  
again and I expect I shall have to go and help take  
care of it - What is the reason that John does not write  
to me is he too busy? I would like a letter from him  
I have the toothache every night of my life and  
it is not very pleasant I can tell you I will not  
be able to write you as long a letter as you did  
me for I can tell you we have our hands pretty  
full now What are you doing these days and  
how are the young people all getting along? with  
out me? I suppose very nicely and glad to get  
clear of me How is Smith getting along with-  
out his Jule I expect he finds plenty of other  
girls to flirt with now Well I have as good  
a chance to flirt as he and I guess a little  
better Well I will have to close for this time  
and go help take care of the little one Give  
love to Pa Mother John Sam and keep a little note  
for yourself and write soon and tell me about  
everything From your sister Jule S Gilmore

The Folks all send love  
to you all write soon  
Dear Brother

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I received your kind and wel  
come letter last Wednesday night and I  
guess I was glad to hear from home Chris  
has a very fine boy she is getting along very nicely  
now Last Friday night and Saturday after  
noon she had fainting spells and was very  
sick at her stomach she seems to be gain-  
ing some now I am in hopes she will  
soon be well I have been very homesick  
and feel yet as though I would like to be  
at home But I suppose that is impossible  
so I shall have to abide in Old Virginia  
yet awhile Chris has enj any Nurse now Mary  
and myself take care of her and she thinks we  
do better than the old negress I guess she had  
a chill yester day and went away Allie also  
had one and I am expecting every day when I

when I shall have to shake Mary is not at all well and the babe cries every night half the night with the colic Will takes care of Chris and the babe and Mary and myself of Van Raalte at night Van has been real good since his mother has been sick Last Thursday Mary Clark and myself attended a Sabbath School picnic three miles from here Clark trained them Mary played and I sung for them The people here think Clark and I have grand voices I think Clark is not very well contented here he has not found any thing to do yet I suppose you have read the letter that he wrote to John about our fuss Tell Ma for me that I did not open my lips but I felt the slurs deeply Clark and Will were both bound that I should go East for Will said I should not stay where they could not treat me decent I had my things all packed in Clarks trunk all but a few that I had to iron and was to start at three o'clock the next morning and Mrs S found it out and sent for Will he told her and then she sent him to bring me in and after a long talk I concluded to stay She did not dare let me go for it would have roused her father and then the People here would have wondered at it too far she has told every one that I expect to stay all winter But I don't think I shall if I can help it I would like to spend a month or two in the East on my road home if I can and Clark seems bound that I shall He is sitting up here by me now He spends most of his time in the house is in our room a great deal Will and Chris do all they can to make home pleasant for him and I think he enjoys it He and Mary get along real nicely I wish I was home to talk to you awhile I cannot tell you what I want to on paper I have written to Helen Mary Jane and Mrs J and not one of them has condescended to answer my letter and I think they are real mean I am awfully hungry for a letter but not one do I get it is almost a week since I have received a letter You have not told me a word whether Ma has canned fruit or not I think you are