

My dearest Alice.

I have just - the  
that - this is your book and  
so as I cannot be with you  
to congratulate, I must do  
what is next best, that - is  
write you a line. You will want  
to be very good now as you have  
grown so old - now right you -  
~~what a great girl~~. You will  
be able now to get such  
perfect lessons, while you grow  
so big, that - your teacher  
will be very glad indeed, and  
we will all be very glad to