

Starkville, Miss. Nov. 26, 1860

Enoch
Mrs. E. Wiseman,

My Dear daughter, It has been some time since I heard from you and as a parent I will address you again by the way of latter and perhaps for the last God only knows for I feel some times as though my probation was at an end and my case was finally consummated and I shall soon go forward to receive my reward from the judge both of quick dead. This leaves us all well as usual. Your father is enjoying good health considering his superannuated frame. He like myself has almost numbered his three score and ten years. Pray that we may be prepared for the coming of the Son and that we may have our robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb and be able to enter into the marriage feast. And prepare thyself to meet us there. It is our constant prayer that you may have your house in readiness and waiting for the coming of the bridegroom for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man cometh.

We have no news of importance. Crops are a general average cotton in particular.

Margaret Valentine has another daughter. Her health is not good but she is better than she has been for a few weeks past.

Martha I. Miller has a fine son almost able to plow considering he is yet an infant. Frank's people has got well again after a protracted spell of sickness. I believe I have given you all of the general news of the day. James W. Bell's people are well as far as I know and the friends generally speaking.

Write often is the request of your father and mother. Mr. Wiseman shares this letter equally with you. Nothing more but remain

Your affectionate Father and Mother

Hugh and Martha Bell

(Written by Martha Bell)