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Mok. Hill, May 11, 1854

To my Son John Frederick

I did not receive a letter from you in my last one. But I suppose you did not because you were at Aunt Elizabeth's and therefore you could not send it in Aunt Sarahs. I hope you are attending school by this time. You had a very fine time sliding down hill while the winter lasted, but now that Spring has come and the flowers are in blossom I suppose you go to school every day and when you are older and have learned enough of other books you must study botany and learn all about flowers. I always feel pleased to hear that you are a good boy and are trying to learn your lessons well. It makes me hope you will be a very learned and good man when you are grown up. But when I hear you have been a bad boy I feel very bad and do not know what to write you--I hope you will be very good and when I send Mother and Sister a present I will send you one likewise. I suppose ~~you~~ Uncle Oliver has told you all about the little boys and girls here and how they dig gold--I think I shall come home and see you in a year or two--when I get money enough to buy me a house and a horse and some other things. You must give my love to Hattie and Elizabeth and all the little boys and girls whom I used to know.

I do not know that I can send you and present this time but if Mr. Wingate will take some presents for you and Laura and Mother I shall send some by him--I want you to write me who keeps your school this summer and what you are studying, and all about the school.. You must learn to read writing.

Fraom your Father

John W. H. Baker