Mr. A. W. Belnap

My Dear boy and family. I am well and surely hope this will find you the same. Was so glad to hear from Gussey as well.

I am located in one of Mary's houses here in Franklin and expect to stay here this winter with the girls.

Was very pleased to hear of your baby and it will be so nice to have them together and how much company they will be for each other and the name is such a nice one too.

Oh what a sad thing it was for Martha Jane Read to die as she did and her so young and in the bloom of life, just you might say the beginning of the lessons of life, and her babe has this dreaded disease now and there is hope of it getting better. Mrs. Jherny Manay to taking care of it. I would like to have you write often and sorry it has been so long without us not writing.

Jode and family were here and made us a visit since I been here. Hoping the Lord will bless you all. Give my love to all the children and tell Orpha to write is ever the prayer of your living.

Mother