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Beloved Children

I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you I have delayed answering your letter some what on account of my health my poor old head is quite a trouble to me and yet better than no head I am some better than I have been so that I would some my letter will be short I have but little news to write one of our Old Brethren is no more with us Old father ~~John~~ Our Brother Briggs is Married it went off yesterday to day they were all invited to attend at his house for a second day Wedding I think I shall not attend I had a letter from father not long since Sarah Hanson is Married to a Mr Lewis Sylvia made us a visit the other day all well do Write to her she feels bad that that her sisters do not write to her John says that we cannot produce two women that will do the work that she can do I guess he will not take her to the poorhouse quite yet I did not think to give you the name of Bro Briggs wife her name was Martha Staple ~~seventy~~ seven years of age said to be one of the first best I hope it will prove so the weather is fine here we have not had any rains for about twelve days we are ~~thirsted~~ with a drought I cannot say at present whether I shall come to Ohio to visit or not I do not feel able at present I will tel you as I told the friend in potter that if I come I will drop a line to that effect you wrote that you had some thoughts of coming down to Ellington come I shall be glad to see you your letter is the last that I have had from Ohio do not forget to write often to good Children Love and serve God your Maker and all will be well O may God abundantly Bless you and yours may we all so live in this world that we all may ultimately dwell together in heaven O may God help us so to do love to all

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