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Dear Mother
 I am so glad
 to hear from
 you and
 hope you
 are all well.
 I am
 well.
 Love
 from
 your
 affectionate
 son
 John

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My precious little bird

I read your letter before
 reading yours and wish
 you and thought someone
 had written it for you.
 Auntie always thought
 you could do anything
 well, but had no idea
 you could learn to
 write so nicely as a
 young lady in so short

a time. I was so pleas-
ed with it, read it
over and over again
'then enclosed it to"
your cousin's Fanny
and Jim to read
and put away for
me. You are a firm
and carefully
and must have
of good teacher.
I am so glad
is so much better.
I felt very uneasy
about her
at one time of
time to see
but she is well,
later on getting
and take all easily.

I want you to ask
your dear mother to
write you and tell
"Bennie" a letter each
I'm sure she will be
glad to do it and
after you tell your
sister and children
I hope you will put
the money in the
box. I'll write your
letter to send for
the little orphan
the "Thompson Orphan
age" near Charlotte.
I'll send you
please a very kind
farewell letter to
him, and make my

little girls are happy
to feel their arms around
some good, helpful
friend to take their
children. Some of whom
have neither father
nor mother. I wonder
what you will do

for the "Poor John" has
many patients around
him here who would be
thankful to get the good
things you had done
for them. I hope you
will be so pleased to
hear of our little
ones. I hope you will
give a part of your