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Miss Esther Pennington

my dear miss I will
try to answer your more than
welcom letter which come to
hand a few days ago I hope
you will Pardon me for
not writing before as I have
had the neuralgia so bad
for two week and part of
the time I could not see to
write Esther I have nothing
of importance to write
this time. Esther will be
going away in a few day and
Alice gave him a nice supper

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last night and there was a
good big crowd there and
all had a nice time only I did
feel so sad to think he would
soon be gone from me Esther
I will be so lonesome. well Esther
I carried all the children
to Summerville last Thursday
to the show and they did
sure enjoy it we are done
picking cotton only little
scraping and school will
start the first Monday in
November and they will go
Esther Dear is so glad of
the picture you sent him.

he wanted to carry it in
his Pocket but of course I
did not let him he say he
will send you one when
he has some made but I dont
know when that will be it is
so far to Brenham and
money is scarce with me.
I hope you all will like your
new home and do well and
have good health Esther dont
let my little nephews
and poor little Orange
forget me I would like
so much to see your
mother and Mr. Claborn.

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and all you dear little
children. I have a nice
fall garden coming on
and about 100 little
chickens. Esther dont forget
to Praye for your old aunt
well budie will write to orange
and I must close hoping to
hear from you soon again
give my love and best
regards to all I remain
as ever your loving
Aunt

Bettie Hatham