

Letter from Caroline Amelia Owens Webb McRae to Francis Adelbert Webb

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My dear but far-off children:

You asked me if I had my cow yet. I have not, and as for clothes I am comfortable. I have a good home and everything is made as good and welcome as they are able to make me. Nelse [Note: Nelson Jacob Beauregard is the husband of Caroline's daughter, Julia Estella McRae Beauregard--SDR] is not a rich man but he is a hard worker, and he makes me feel welcome or I would not stay with them. Well, enough of that.

We have a good many strawberries but ours are most gone but Cordelia's are not. And Belle, I wish you would ask Delly and all the rest of the family to come and eat strawberries with us for we would all be glad to see you tonight.

Don is quite sick with a sore throat but is better now. Nelse and Stell have gone to the field to see if their hay is ready to cut. Nelse and Cell Warner are going to work on the railroad in a few weeks. Marcellus is going to build on his land this summer. He has 14 acres of lucern on it and he will be better off there. We had conference here last Sunday and Monday. Neta, Alice, and Effie was here. They are well. Well Delly, I can rejoice that you and Eddie have such good boys. Elsie spoke in great praise of them.

Delly, I can hardly realize that you are the little babe that came to me in my loneliness now that you have grown so old and have such a big family. But you proved a comfort to me and I am proud that I have two such good sons as you and Eddie for I have waded in the lowest depths of poverty to try and make good men and women of my children and when they are doing right it makes me rejoice. When you were born I dreamed that your father came to me and said that you would prove a comfort to me. And when your father died the Spirit whispered that you would be a boy and that you, together with Eddie, would be a great blessing to me and it makes me feel well when you are, for if you are a long ways off I feel that you are trying to do right.

Well goodbye and you will pay me for all trouble by raising your own children in the right path and if you do that you will be in the right path yourself.

Write soon, from your loving mother to Dell and Belle Webb.