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Abigail Aug 8th / 37
Bro Wiley

Your note p^{er}ceiv
by the date of of one of the
that it was written some time
since I prepared and folded it with
some others, and till yesterday
I was assuming that I soon should
soon receive a note in reply
from you but but see what
troubly some of my papers I
found ~~at your side~~ the note
single lined by. At first I could
hardly believe my own eyes
well it should go the first time
and with it a little news
the birth of a fine boy born
Sat last Aug 5th He weighed
& parents. Mrs L had rather
a comfortable time of it and
is getting quite smart,
We feel that God has committed
to us a precious trust our
invaluable soul to him
for himself. O that
we may have grace
to bind his for
I am Dear Sir
as Bro & sister

We feel that it is a great work
to train a child in a right
and an great solicitude for
a little son in that we may so
not thwart him and so him before
him and so pray that he may
be converted at the earliest possible
age And a further has lived with
much weight on our minds
for some time It is this - Can
a child be converted with the conver-
sion of its moral agency?
It matters not not when that
agency begins, whether at its birth
or after words, Does not God
desire that its first moral act
should be holy, and may it not
be converted more easily than
than after words, and if parents
with a right will be not
satisfied than it that we

may give us your views
on this subject, and pray for
us constantly,
We feel that it is an
awful thing for a child
to live & to be even
one year in sin

But if consulted at a very early
age I never with the common
most of the world ~~long~~ lying, it
must be in answer to the judges

Bro & sister & we will and
so is sister joined and her children
also we have. Bro J left
us last for Bro Parker, and we
have to day that he is not
widy to return and we know
not when he will come back

Write us soon
Our love to sister Mr
and her, and is not, father's,
of with you

Yours Bro Co. Locke