

Aug. 20, 1948

Mrs. Hellen Rinell:-

Dear Hellen.

Your most welcomed letter was received over two months ago. We sure were happy to hear from you but sorry to learn that your trip was not so pleasant. Hope everything is peaceful and pleasant now. If only that everything was peaceful all over the world. That we won't expect until our Lord comes to receive his own.

We have had a wonderful summer. In June we went to Providence, Rhode Island, to attend a wedding in which Bud was best-man and Elaine was one of the bridesmaids. The couple are Wheatons students, lovely christian people. The bridegroom's parents are pretty well fixed. They obtained Hotel room for us in a very swell hotel, free of charge. The children stayed at the grooms home. It was a very nice wedding and we sure enjoyed seeing the eastern part of the country. In July, John and I took a trip to Seattle, Washington to visit Eleanor and her family. They are renting a lovely house in the northern part of the city. Our son-in-law took off from his work and drove us around to see the sights in and around the northwest. We were up in Canada too. We took about 135 colored films and some black and white pictures from Bud's and my camera. We took a trip to Mt. Rainier. This mountain is only 60 miles from Seattle. Maybe you saw it when you were in Seattle. It can be seen in clear weather. We also took a 350 mile trip around the Olympic mountains. That is northwest from Seattle from the Puget Sound. We also took in two islands west of Seattle. While in Canada we stayed over night at a friends home and when we went around the Olympic we stayed in a cabin over night. Bud and Elaine took us to the station when we left for Seattle and they picked us up when we arrived in Chicago. They pinned a corsage on me. It made me feel good to think they welcomed us home with such a love. When we arrived in Seattle Eleanor pinned a corsage of sweet peas on me also. I don't expect such favors but it sure does something to a mother that can't be expressed in words. The train arrived in Chicago at 9:20 A.M. and after we got home and got cleaned up we took Bud and Elaine out to a nice dinner on Western Ave.

After we were home a few days I took sick, presumably the flu. It must have been in my stomach. I run a fever of around 99½ every day for over a week. It has made me so weak, I can hardly stay up, but I thought I would try and write a few lines to you. My blood-pressure has been much better since I have been going to the Chiropractic, but I have a hard time feeling myself.

I greeted the church at a prayer meeting and they immediately went to prayer. We will continue praying for you too. We have combined tent meetings now. They have been going on and will continue during the month of August. I believe there are 14 or 15 churches attending, all demonations. Elaine has been attending summer school and to-day was her last day. Bud comes home to-night from his term of summer studies. I think he expects to graduate next year in August if every thing goes as he expects.