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Dear Mother:-

Just a line to let you know I am well. I am busy writing after my "vacation" - the holidays. Am quite tired, and find trouble in writing, but gradually am getting into shape. I wrote Aunt I & Aunt Hattie, for they were awfully good to me, sending me some more money, $25.00. There were other sources too, from which I got money for Xmas - I'll tell you later. And I am busy acknowledging

them. Will stop this note
now and write a letter soon.
Love to you & Mennie, Buttie
and Sis, Dr-de and Rudie.
Always. Ivan

Jan 5-1921

Dear Mother:-

As usual I am rushed when it comes to writing. Today was "card" day — when we make our weekly report to the doctor. That took up the morning, and I want to write now instead of tonight, for we may have an entertainment. If we do, I'll tell about it — and the many other things I've promised. Here are some pictures. The two groups of six - not very clear - are of our table in the dining room. We are a good bunch, very congenial and happy. We are: Myself, McNamara (Kansas City), Peatross (Louisiana), Hurrah (Mississippi), Patton (St. Louis), Weatherford, Winchester, Ky. Another is a picture of my bed. On the "stand" I put my books for reading. The bath robe is to keep the sun off my head. — The other is a picture I'll entitle "Before & after using the cure!" Miss Wallace is the nurse, "Big Boy" Garrison, & "Shorty" Schumann.

Garrison is from near Lexington and is going home Sunday. He will stop in Louisville, and says that he will go to see "my folks" if he has time. If he does, I know you will treat him most kindly. He is not much on "finish" and "polish"! He is a mountaineer. But a bigger-hearted man I wouldn't want. He and I are good friends. We call him "Big Boy". When he talks of me it will probably be as "The Reverend", as all the boys here call me. - I'll write more before he comes. It will be about Wednesday. Will stop now, & have the nurse mail this. Lots of love, as always.

Ivan.

The large pictures - guess! The two sitting were taken with a "portrait" attachment. Not very good. The other (standing) is fairly good.

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to ask you to send it to me. I can use it when it comes, as I have a lot of the stuff here.

One thing more. A couple of days ago I received from my health + accident insurance company (The Ministers' Casualty Union) a check for $172.50 - to pay up to July 24. I am to put in claim for the rest of the time. I dont know how much it will be. Will let you know later. - Out of that I paid my life insurance premium - so don't worry about that. Must close. Love and kisses to all. Am well always. Ivan

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Saturday.
Jan 8-1921

Dear Mother -

Am writing this letter and hoping you'll get it before Mr. Garrison comes to see you, - in case he does come. There was one phase about Xmas that I wanted to tell you and haven't been able to do as yet. The day before Xmas the patients here gave a minstrel show, and I was in it. We surely had a good time out of it. It did

not take much work or preparation, and all had a good time. I was "Snowball", one of the end men. The other end man was one who had had semi-professional experience, and some said that I was as good as he, if not better. I'll send some pictures of it soon, and also tell some of the jokes we pulled off. — Will stop for this time. Am well. Went down town today and bought some Xmas presents for myself. Miss Lena, Leslie and Helen,

Mr. + Mrs. Hageman, Miss Snook, and a family in Peabody, all sent me some money. It totaled $17.00. So today I got some things I've long wanted. One is a fountain-pen, self-filler — this is the first I've written with it. Another was a little leather portfolio, for stationery — when I travel. Another was a razor sharpener for my Gillette. — I've always wanted to thank you for the hand-bag you are getting. And I've wanted

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He wrote from St. Louis, saying that he had just 25 minutes to make connections + change stations at Louisville, and was not sure he could see you. An amusing thing happened on his trip. He wrote from Kansas City saying that the porter had robbed him of his money, ticket, and baggage check. From St. Louis he wrote that he found the pocket book he thought he lost! I thought his heading from St. Louis was good. You know he weighs over 230 lbs. So he wrote "F. O. B. St. Louis"! Good!

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Wednesday—
Jan 12-1921

Dear Mother:-

I am so busy doing nothing that I cannot find time to write—as usual! I am still feeling the effects of the Christmas excitement, and am trying to keep as still as possible. But do not worry, for nothing is wrong. I am just a little tired, but as soon as I rest a little more it will be OK—Mother, there is something I've

When he was in the minstrel he sang a song entitled "I got mine". The last stanza ran: I got mine boy, I got mine; That nigger had a shot-gun, and he used it mighty fine; I went out through the window, but I didn't get out in time; Now I takes my meals off the mantel-piece, since I got mine. – In his letter he signed it, I got mine. – I hated to see him go, and yet was glad he could. Must stop now. Love to all. Dean.

wanted to ask you for a long time and have kept forgetting. Last March I mailed you a certificate of ordination. I wonder if it reached home. I have always wanted to ask. You have never said anything, and I have been wondering. I do hope it hasn't been lost. Please let me know. There is something else I want to say, but for the life of me, I can't remember. – I wonder if Mr. Garrison got to see you folks.

Dear brother: Jan 14-1921

Had planned to write but had an unexpected visit from Dr. Bedre, our Missionary Superintendent, and am busy with him. Am well. Some fine developments are coming about ~~that~~ I'll give in my next letter.

Love to all.

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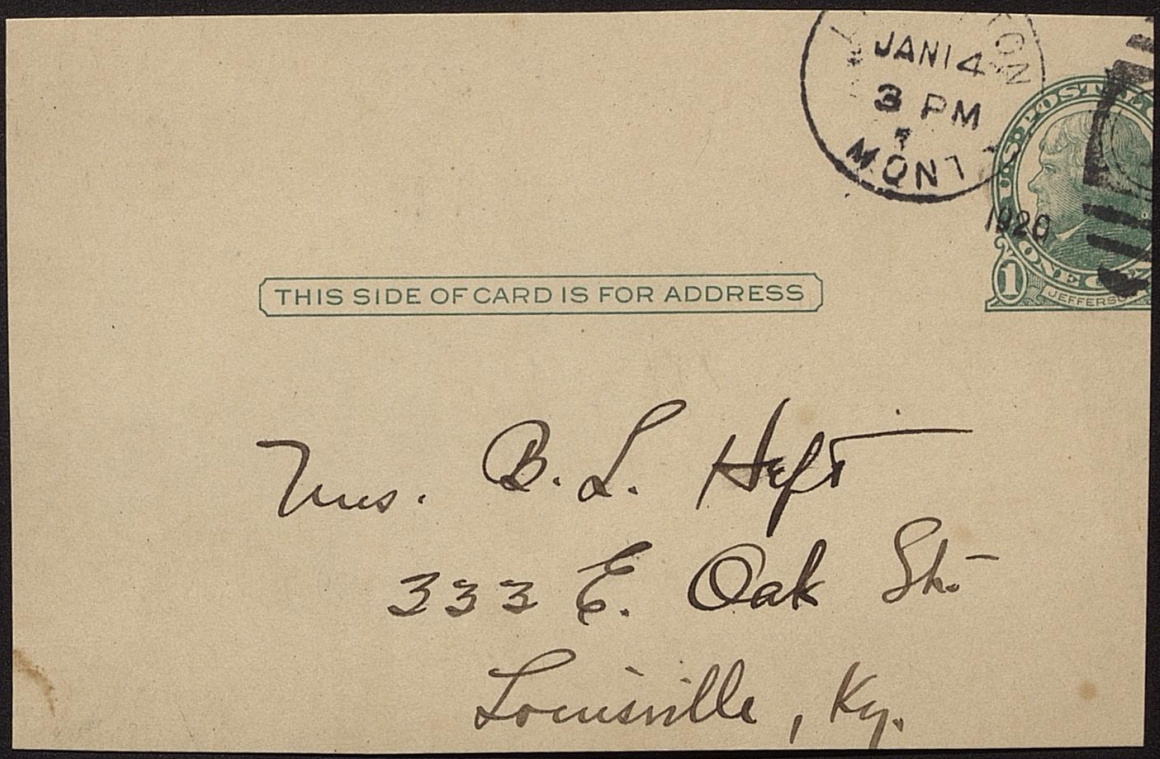
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS
Mrs. B. L. Hefs
333 E. Oak St.
Louisville, Ky.

Sunday —
Jan 16 - 1921

Dear Mother:-

We have had a sudden reversal of weather here. Night before last it was 40° and last night even warmer. It was uncomfortably warm and I had trouble in sleeping. There was something else that kept me awake. Do you know what coyotes are? Some of them were near the building last night, and howled something awful! A dog's most mournful yelping is tame compared with their noise. It makes your hair stand on end. And yet they are big cowards. It is seldom anyone needs be afraid of them. — I have some new measurements to give you. You remember what I said

about my waist and chest. Well, one of the boys measured my arm yesterday. The biceps, when drawn up, is 14 inches. My wrist is 6 in. My calf is 15 inches. As far as I know those are the largest measurements I've had in some time. — Last night I got my violin out for the first time in a long while. I have scarcely touched it since I've been here. A Mr. Banks has a mouth-organ, and we gave some music. It was really amusing, and we had some fun out of it. We played Old Black Joe, Massa's in the Cold Ground, Old Ky. Home, Swanee River, a darkey song called The Year of Jubilee, and a good many others, including an old song, The Old Gray Mare. That one is a scream.

Before we were done we had quite an audience and even the nurse came in to hear us. Talking of the nurse reminds me that I wanted to ask you about her. You remember my writing & saying that she was born & raised in Louisville, and went to our Church & S.S. Her maiden name is Warner. She is now Mrs. Ashaver. She is very nice to us. She showed me a warm time a couple of nights ago, although it was the Dr's. fault, not hers. I had some pleurisy - as I often have - and the Dr. ordered a rub with an ointment called Capsolin. It is much like Analgesique Baume, only the latter is a refrigerator compared with Capsolin. Once that stuff raised two blisters

on my chest the size of a quarter. Night before last it burned from 8:30 till 2:30. I forgot all about the pleurisy! The next night Miss Kuehner painted my chest and back with iodine. That's not nearly so bad, except that I looked like an Indian with war-paint. — I don't remember whether I sent you one of my pictures or not. I think I did but am not sure. So I'm sending you another. If I have, and you want to give this away, it is all right. — I close for this time. Am gradually getting over the Christmas excitement. Am well. Love + kisses to you and Mamie, Buttie + Si, and especially to De-de and Rudie. Always, Ivan.

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Dear Mother:-

I wanted to write a letter this morning but I was called down town. So am sending this, so that you hear from me this week. You can be sure I am well - they wouldn't let me go down town otherwise. Am steadily improving, feeling better all the time. Best of love to all. Ivan.

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Mrs. B. L. Hafs
333 E. Oak
Louisville, Ky.

Saturday.
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Dear Mother:-

Your letter came yesterday. I am afraid you are worrying about me too much. I wish you wouldn't. for I am getting along all right. I don't know just when I can come home. I am thinking that the best I can do now is to stay my year out here - you know, that is the maximum time allowed. It is as cheap as any boarding - house, and far better. It is congenial, sanitary,

the food is good, accomodations are fine, and I have medical care daily, and nursing. My time will be up in April, and I want to come home then, for I think the month of May will be good. April would be too soon for me to be home in Kentucky — or rather, Louisville. I do not believe that I can stay so very long, for I had better get back to this climate and altitude for a couple of years more. But I can have some few weeks at home meanwhile.

April may seem far away, but
it isn't. Tuesday will finish
my ~~with~~ month here and it
seems only yesterday that I
came in. So we must be
patient, and all will be well.
This morning I got rather
restless and anxious to get back
~~into~~ to my work. Indeed, I
planned a year's work in
about an hour! But I can
wait until it is best. — You
wrote of Miss Tillie's thing. The
next time I go down town I'll
try to see her, but I cannot
cant promise. — Don't worry
about the things I want to write

you. I am making a list of them, and I'll tell you all of them in time. — In regard to Leslie, I sent a letter quite soon after I wrote you. Ask him if he received it. — The doctor is going to put me back on exercise next week. I'll be rather glad. This morning I got some books out of the library. I've scarcely read anything for two or three months. — I'm glad Uncle H. and Aunt P. and Ethel were to see you. Just recently I was wondering how they were. — Will stop now. Best of love & kisses to you & Mennie, Ruth & Sis, and Dr-de and Rudie!

(Sent one of my pictures to Aunt L & H.)

Always, Joan.

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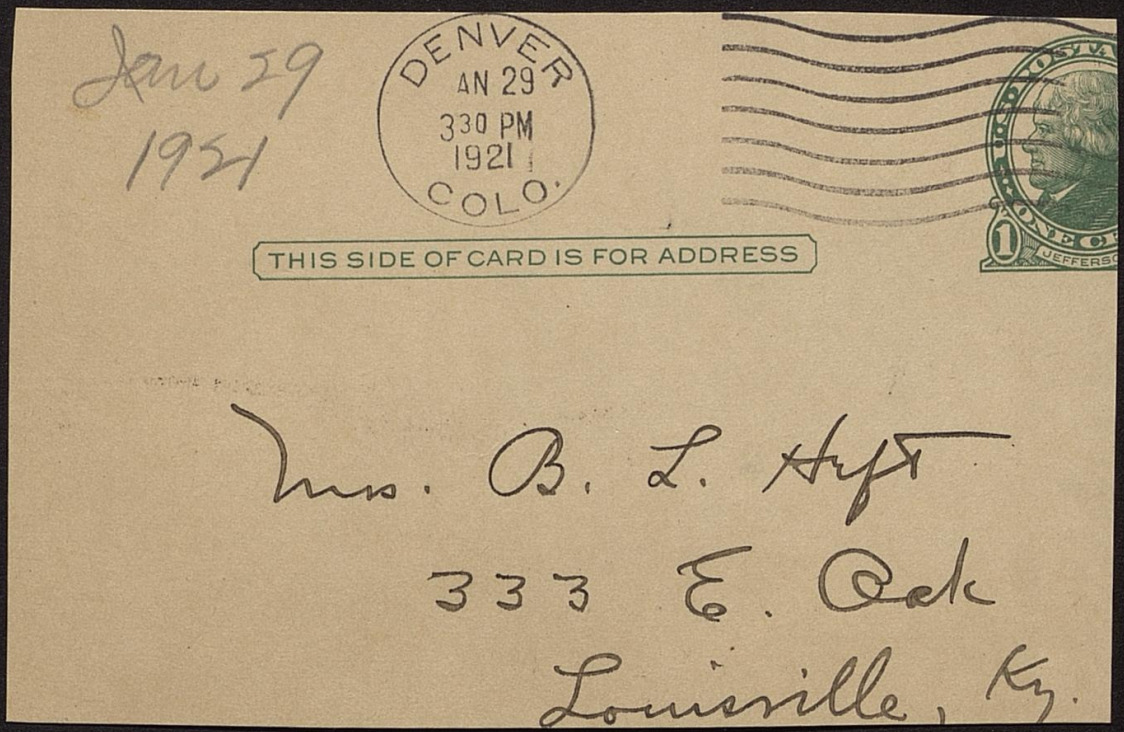
Dear Mother -

Am much better. Yesterday was up for two meals, dinner & supper, and today am up for all three. Am feeling really fine. Will write soon. Love to all.

Ivan.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Mrs. B. L. Hyft
333 E. Oak
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mother:-

Feb-2-1921

Last night I was so tired I couldn't write. I had an examination unexpectedly in the afternoon, and it tired me badly. I was simply exhausted. And this morning I have to report with my weekly chart, so I can't write much. Be sure that I'll write as soon as I can. - Had a letter from Miss Tillie Kling last night. will answer her today. She says she heard my address from you through her brother. She wants to come & see me. - Must stop. Am well. Don't worry. Love to you & Mennie, Buttie & Sis, and Dixie & Rudie.

Always Ivan.

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Dear brother:-

Feb 7 - 1931

Again the same story! I had a visitor last night and he didn't leave till a quarter of an hour before bed time, and by the time I undressed and fixed up for the night the bell had rung. Will try to do better tonight. — The enclosed picture is only one of those that I want to send. I'll send the others as soon as I get some more prints. — will try to write Sis also & answer her letter. — will stop, as next hour is starting. Am well, so don't worry. Met a Princeton man yesterday, classmate of Mr. J. W. Barr of Fidelity-Columbia. He invited me to dine with him as soon as possible.

Best of love to all. Love.

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Saturday.
Feb 12 - 1921

Dear Mother:-

Before I forget, I want to tell you about the Liberty Bond - or rather, that I have nothing to tell! The cashier here, the one to ask, is sick; has been for a few weeks, and will be for a short time yet. The system is rather disorganized for the present. Will find out as soon as I can. ——

Yesterday I received the valentines from Dr. de and Ruthie. Thank them for Uncle Di. I wanted so much to get some and send them, but couldn't get down town.

So you must take the will for the deed. – Had an X-ray of my chest taken this week. Will tell you the news as soon as I get it. I am beginning to realize that the doctors are not quite satisfied with my condition. Hence, the X-ray. But it cannot be anything serious, so do not worry. – The weather here has been lovely. Yesterday the lowest was 45°. It seems like spring. I have been comparing our weather with the reports of home, and there is no comparison. Of course, we have a bad day occasionally, but it is so seldom.

I had better stop for this time. I am enclosing you a letter to the Hagmans. Please address and mail it at once. They sent me $2.00 for Xmas, and I sent them a card acknowledging it, and now this letter. I am not sure of their address, and want you to direct it. Please do so at once.

Am enclosing some impromptu valentines for my honies. I wish they could be more elaborate, but could not help it. Best of love to you & Mennie, Buttie & Lis, Dedee and Rudie!

Always.

Ivan.

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Sunday.
Feb 14-1921

Dear Mother:-

Miss Lillie Kling came to see me yesterday, and you don't know how glad I was to see her. We surely had a fine chat, and I was sorry when she left. However, she says she will come soon again, and as often as they let her. I told her that for my part, she couldn't come too often. I was expecting her yesterday, for she didn't come the previous Sunday, due to bad weather. I had been in bed almost my full hour after dinner, when the nurse came and said that I had a visitor. I dressed as soon as I could and went down stairs. I saw a lady sitting in the library, and so I asked her if she was Miss Lillie. She said she was, and although she hadn't seen me in years, she recognized me. Mother, when was it that I last saw her? Do you

remember? I know I was with you once at Bacon's when you were talking to her. She is surely a pleasant lady, and we had so many things to talk about. We talked of her folks, and some of her relatives that I didn't remember till she spoke of them, the Mayers. She talked of you and the folks when you were neighbors. She talked of writing to her mother in German, and said that it was getting hard for her to write German, she was using it so little. I was indeed sorry when the time came for her to go. I promised to visit her when I went down town, but she is coming to see me often, as I cannot go to town very frequently. I almost forgot to tell you, she brought me some dates, stuffed with almonds, that she herself had fixed. I had often heard you talk of her, and now I know for myself why you prize her friendship so. She said she would write you. She says I am looking fine and carry my weight well! — Must stop. Have written a letter to Aunt Hattie & one to Minnie, and don't want to overexert. Best of love & kisses to you & all at home. Will write soon again. Ivan

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Dear brother: –

A year ago today I resigned my pastorate in Livingston! How time flies. – I want to jot just a line to night. I have already written three letters. One was to aunt J. Another to Mrs. Schenton in Livingston who was as good to me as she was to her own boy. This is my first letter to Livingston since last July. The third was to Mrs. Geaney in Butte.

She was the one who insisted that I see her doctor, and had it not been for her, I would have gone on for months, growing sicker. I last wrote her in September (or August). I have not written much to them – the three letters took a half hour, but I am at least writing them. Home is the only place I write, and not nearly as much as I wish or ought.

Must stop. Bed-time! My Italian friend was in to see me a while. We are good pals. He always calls me "my friend Reverend"! – Love & kisses to you & Mamie, Buttie & Sis, & my honies. Always.

Ivan.

Dear mother:-

Feb-24-1921

Miss Lillie was out again to see me today is a visiting day and she came about 10 and stayed till 11:30. Then I had to go to bed for rest hour, and now dinner time is here. So I can't write much. After Miss Lillie left I got your letter. Will answer it tonight at greater length. Am glad you could hear Mrs. MacCallum. Will return to you the programs & poems soon. They are fine & I appreciated you sending them & I could read them. —

Had to stop for dinner, which is just ended. Have had report on X-ray. It shows great improvement. The central part of the lungs is cleared up greatly. Will write more definitely tonight. Also talk about coming home. — Must stop. Love to all,

Always.

Ivan.

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Tuesday.
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Dear Mother:-

It is getting late, and I am tired, and I am afraid I can't write the letter I promised! I got a letter from Mrs. Beecher today with $60.00 from the Flower Committee, and wrote her my thanks and also a letter from Aunt Smith $25.00 and wrote her. Then my second Xmas from home came! The bundle was safe and sound and everything all right. Of course I unpacked everything, and had to look very carefully at them

all, and all these things, with the excitement, have exhausted me. I'll write more about my fine package, and only say thank you now, to you, and Sis, and all. — Be reassured about my health. Had good news, of which more later! Best of love & kisses to you & Minie, Ruthie & Sis, and my De-de and Ruthie.

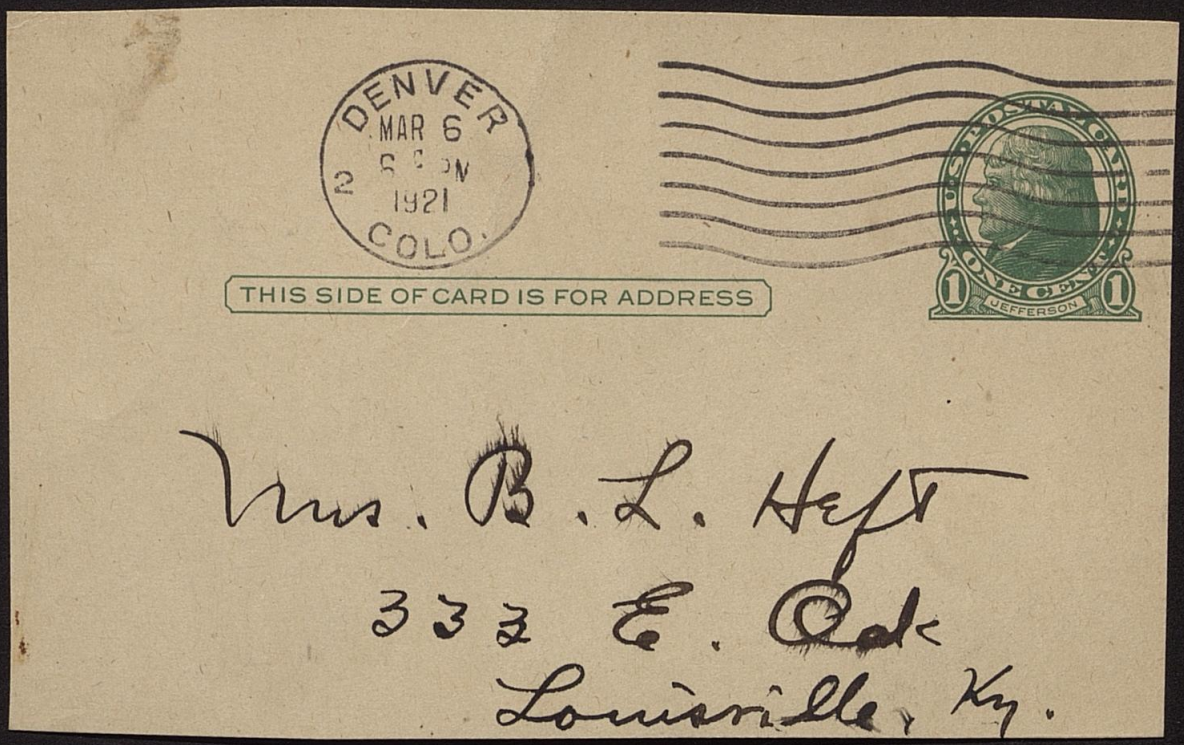
Hurriedly but lovingly,

Ivan.

Dear Mother - March 6-1921

Broke glasses

Have had a rather sick spell the last few days, due to the eye-trouble I wrote about. Was in bed Thursday & Friday, but got up Saturday and am up for all meals today. Am feeling O.K. So don't worry. Best I close to all. Love.



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Mrs. B. L. Heft
333 E. Oak
Louisville, Ky.

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Monday.

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Dear Mother.-

Instead of writing the news I hoped to, I must write others. I was up for all meals yesterday, but last night was very sick. I had bad pains in the head, body & legs, and slight fever & chills. The result is that I am in bed today, and may be for several days yet. I had a conference with Dr. Holden and after giving me good news he gave me some bad news. The bad news is that my trouble, due to my low resistance and immunity, has spread so that the bottom of my lungs is slightly affected. This also means that the prism from the disease is

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2) changing my system. This accounts for the pains I am having. So there is nothing to do but lie still and let nature do its work in its own time. Of course, they give me medicines to relieve the pain, but nature must do the rest. - I had a consultation with Dr. Holden, head Dr. + Supt. Tues. last Thursday. He told me of the new trouble I'm having. He said that I did have it all walled off. but my strength is very low, and it broke over again. This new trouble will be walled off in time but, one can't tell exactly how long it will take. Another trouble is that this is a bad time of year. It has been very warm here, up to 70 with 45 the lowest, and

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then it suddenly changes to cold. Spring anywhere is bad for this disease. Fall is by far the best time of the year. — Dr. Holden told me that it would be several years before I could "roll up my sleeves & go to work". That is, I'll have to arrange my work so that I can practically stop at any ~~time~~ time for an indefinite period. This sounds mighty discouraging to me in view of the plans I had. — I am afraid mother, that all this means that I'll have to postpone my home-coming. Even if I had been well — comparatively speaking — it

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would have been a risk. And I am afraid that now it would be inadvisable to say the least. Then too, this time of the year is the worst at home. September & October would be much better. Perhaps it would be better if I could wait till then, for then I could stay longer. Of this I am certain, that even if I came home in April or May, I couldn't stay into the summer. July & August would finish me. - Of course, it goes without saying that I am disappointed. I am anxious to come home. Still, I would hate to lose in a few weeks, all I have gained in a year. - I'll see later what the Drs. say. - Will close now. Best of love to each & all. Don't worry. It is all for the best. Lovingly. Ivan.

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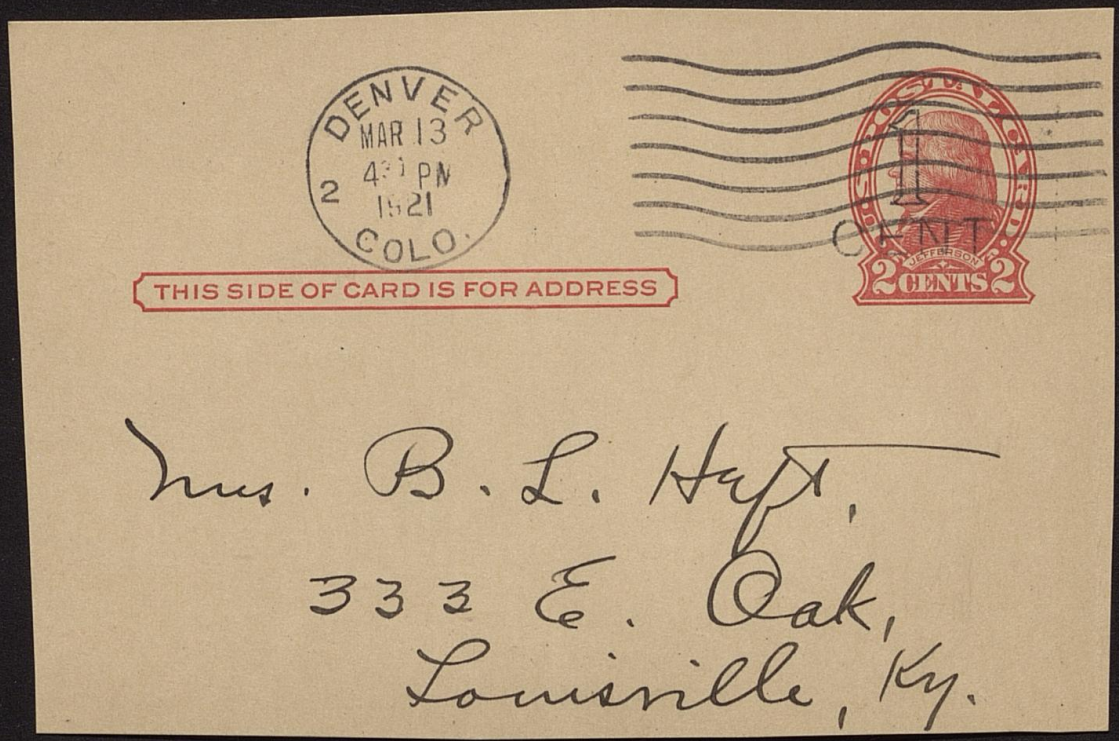
Dear Mother: March 13-1921

Haven't been
feeling so well, although
I am by no means sick
enough to have to stay in
bed for meals. Think it
is due to the changes in
weather - first spring & then
winter again. For this
reason haven't written. Don't
worry; will be O.K. soon again.
Miss Tillie just sent me a
fine basket of fruit. Will
write soon. Love to all. Ivan.



Mrs. B. L. Hafft,
333 E. Oak,
Louisville, Ky.

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Wednesday.
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Dear Mother:-

Have time to write just a line. Received a vaccine treatment this morning. I think I told you about their contemplating this. I'll give you more details later. I'm feeling a bit "groggy" now. Otherwise am well & getting along nicely. Am sleeping well again, and really

feeling contented. — Saw Miss Tillie yesterday. She sends her love. I told you about the nice basket of fruit she sent. It was surely lovely of her. How ~~all~~ are all? I hope you are not too deeply disappointed at my inability to come home now. I was for a few days, & was very blue about it. But, as I say, am reconciled to it now.

Don't worry about me. Will write as soon as I can & tell you all about the latest developments. Best of love to you & Minnie, Buttie & Lis, & my two Honors!

Always lovingly,

Ivan.

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Monday.
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Dear Mother:-

The same story about being delayed! The weather has been very unreasonable here, and I have had to keep my fire inside a great deal, and that means that my room is cold, due to open windows. Hence it has been hard to write. — I just received two letters with money, one from Mrs. Beecher with $22.75, and another from my Church at Livingston, for $11.00. I just answered those letters this morning.

In regard to the $500. Liberty Bond, the management here cannot take care of it. However, mother, you need not worry about it, for I have written John Gardner, and he says that there is no reason why I should be dependent on sacrifices of this sort. He is taking the matter up, and I'll be provided for. So don't worry. There too, I've just gotten some money from my health insurance and that, with what I have just received ($82.75 from 1st Church + $11.00 from Livingston) gives me about $250.00 quite enough for some weeks to come. And when there's need, the Lord will provide. I have never been destitute yet, and never shall be. So don't worry.

was feeling a little sick yesterday - Palm Sunday - wanted so much to go to Church in Denver, but the Drs. wouldn't let me. Feel better today.

Will close for this time. More later. Best I love to each + all.

Lovingly,
Ivan.

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Dear brother:

Just a line! Your package of sox came last night & I am awfully sorry to say they are too large. I cannot possibly wear them. My number is 10½ & I can wear 11, but 11½ is too large. I measured them against the sox that I wear and they are about an inch too long. They may shrink a little but not that much. I am especially sorry after you went

to all ~~that~~ trouble. But the best I can think of is to return them at once. Possibly Buttie can wear them. Or may be you can exchange them. At any rate I can do nothing so the sooner I return them the better. Am sending them this am by insured post. The mail man is leaving so I must stop. Feel Ok. — Best of love to all.

Hurriedly,

Ivan.

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Denver, Colorado Thursday.
March 24 1921

Dear mother:-

I just have time to drop a line to the folks for Easter. I did want to send some Easter cards, but couldn't get down town this week. The last time I was down I forgot all about it. I had an invitation from the Lutheran Pastor at Boulder (Colo.) where the State University is, to come & spend Easter. Often they give patients leave to take trips like that, but they wouldn't in my case. They wanted

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to be on the safe side. So I'll
have to spend Easter here. I
want to go down town to church,
but am afraid they won't let me
do that. However, I am feeling
well, indeed, as if there is nothing
wrong. — Before I forget, some
pajamas would be very suitable.
The others you had made were O.K.
in every way. I wanted to write
this sooner, but forgot.

And now, I close with an
Easter message, and an Easter
hope. St. Peter wrote to the

faithful of his time, "Blessed
be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who according
to His abundant mercy, hath
begotten us unto a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ our Lord." May that living
hope be ours! May the joy of the
Resurrection be ours! Easter is a
time of joy and love, of hope and
peace. "My peace I give unto you,
my peace I leave with you. Not as
the world giveth, give I unto you."
As the first Easter seemed dark

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to the first Christians, so this one may seem dark, because the Lord, in His love, has laid His hand heavily upon us. Let us not think of this. Rather let us say, "Alleluia, Christ is risen." "I know that my Redeemer liveth." And because He lives, we too shall live. Many thanks to you all for your loving Easter cards. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you always. Amen.

With a heartfelt love,

Joan.

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Easter message

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Easter
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Dear brother:-

I am going to church in town this morning! It was Easter Sunday of last year that I arrived in Denver, and the first place I went was to Messiah Church. I am going there this morning. I am surely happy to go. It happened that the only doctor who would give me permission to go to town was on duty this morning! The others fear afraid to let me go! So I am

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going. Everything is covered with
snow here – a white Easter. We
had quite a snow-storm Friday
& Yesterday. But the sky is clear
and the air fine, and the sun
bright.

Well, good-bye!

"Christ hath risen!
Alleluia!"

Love to each & all.

Dan.

P.S. – Had an examination yesterday.
Encouraging news! More later!

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Denver, Colorado

March 31 – 1921

Dear brother: –

Just a line to reach you before Sunday. Am getting over my third feeling from Easter. Am feeling much better now, so don't worry. Have a lot to say, but always feel so lazy & useless that I stay in bed all the time & can't get down to writing. will write soon. Tell them, with best of love to all, am always

Lovingly, Joan.

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an X-ray. That shows it is slight, for otherwise they could tell it by listening to my breathing. So all in all, while there is cause for disappointment, there is absolutely no cause for worry. Write anything else you wish to know. I think I have told all.

Will close for this time. Love + kisses to you + Mamie, to Buttie + Sis, and my two Honies. Always

Lovingly,

Joan.

April 7-1921

April 7 — 1921

Thursday am.

April 7-1921

Dear Mother: —

Not being able to write last night I am writing before breakfast, so the letter will get off no later than otherwise. We are having our bad April weather now. Last year about this time we had one of the worst blizzards I've ever seen. Now we are having snow + sleet + hail. It was such nice spring weather through February + March that this is quite a shock. Many of our patients are sick as a result. The bed-patients are more than doubled. I have escaped so far, although I have felt just a little tough.

Monday the 4th made a year since I landed in Denver. It was then Easter Sunday. Since the 5th I have been under the care of this San. My time in the San. expires the 25th of this month, but I think they'll give me an extra month. After that I want to go to the Lutheran San. in north Denver (Missouri Luth.)

I have been waiting to tell you about myself. You know I promised good news some time ago, so when I had the spells in bed & the doctor gave me other news I was surprized. What they say is that in some way, due to poor resistance, I have slipped back just a little. Now please don't worry, this is not as bad as it sounds. This trouble often works in spells like that, and this simply means that I'll have to wait a little longer, as you & Dr. Cowan & others suggest, before resuming work. My symptoms are not alarming. I have not raised any blood or streaked sputum since August or before. I have been running a slight fever for two months but this is offset by a low pulse. I have had occasional - sometimes severe - pain in the chest, but this has not troubled me for several weeks. The trouble is that the toxin, or poison from my trouble, is running through my system, & it will just take time to overcome it. One good feature is that my trouble can be seen only with

P. S. - Tell Leslie & the girls I'll write them Soon. —

Denver, Colorado Thursday. April 14-1921

Dear brother:-

I have just finished a few lines to Minnie, and have time to write but a line or so before the morning mail:- Just drop this line to tell you I am well, although staying in bed most of the time because of the changing weather. This is the worst season of the year & I must be careful.- Feel well, & hope all at home are. Best of luck & kisses to all. Will write Soon. Love.

Denver, Colorado

April 14 - 1921

Dear brother:-

Am writing this separate because you may not want Mamie to see it & worry. Be sure to let the others see it. You can show her the first sheet of this letter, so she won't suspect this. I want to tell you about my condition. First, the worst is that in a way my trouble has spread through both my lungs. Second, the best is that although the has spread so, it is of such a nature that it can be permanently healed. It is like this: Suppose me finger has

a bruise + another has a deep cut. It may take the bruised finger a long time before the soreness is out, and the cut may heal much more quickly. Just, the bruise will heal so ~~that~~ the finger is just the same as before, while the cut may - and in all probability would - leave a deep scar. So with my lungs. There is no breaking down of the tissue. Strange to say, if there were, I probably would get well sooner! However, I would rather have my present situation, for, although it takes longer, it is sure, and my lungs will not be impaired. If the tissue

were broken down, scars would be left, and as a scar on the hand could be torn open again so could scars in the lung. So, although I wait longer, I have no risks like that after I get well. But at present, I must fight the sickness, for my system is charged with poison. Both lungs are full of it, and I must simply wait till my system conquers this. For a couple of months past I have been running a slight fever — not enough to be violent, but enough to be a danger signal —

You can tell the doctors this if you want, & see what they say. My temperature is from 99.2° to 99.5°. My pulse is comparatively low, running between 60 & 90 and averaging 80. That is a good sign. Tell the doctors that the lesion (or inroad made by the disease) is not so much physical as chemical. That is, the inroad takes the form of poison spread through the lungs rather than that of breaking down the tissue.

Have to stop now & mail this. Will tell you more later. Don't worry. Will finish this soon. Love.

Ivan

April 14 – 1921

April 14 – 1921

Thursday am.
April 21-1921.

Dear brother:-

I want to write you, and am in the same fix as always - nothing to write! I may say about my condition that I am feeling well, except for occasional pain in my chest. I am running a slight fever, but my pulse is quite low, and that is a good sign. So all in all, things could be much worse! - I am now the oldest patient on the men's side of the San. The only one older than I left yesterday. You know the length of time here is a year, with an extra month sometimes given. My year is up Monday, but they have given me the extra month so it will run me to May 25. Then I am going to another sanatorium. I do wish I could come home, but would not think of doing so, till it is safe for you & for me too. So I'll stay my time out here, & then go some where else. I hate to see the older boys go, for I formed some fine friendships with them.

I am going to tell you what one of the men said to me when he left. "It won't hurt you to know that you have been the best liked man here & have more friends than anyone else." I don't know how true this is, but it touches me just the same. This man is a Mr. McNamara. We have been eating at the same table for over eleven months, and folks become mighty well acquainted in that time. Another thing he said was that in all the time he's known me, he has never once heard me complain. All this makes me think of one fellow with whom I had an open break — the only fellow that everybody disliked. He is a university graduate & successfully disguises the fact! One day he was sneering at my Italian friend, Tony, for not having an education. I got sore at him and told him that for a number of years he was exposed to an education but it didn't take! That went all over the Sun, and I happen to think of it by an ex-patient reminding me of it a couple of days ago. —

Well. I'll stop for this time. Couldn't write last night, but this letter will get off just as soon. Love to you & Mamie, Buttie & Sis, & my Honies. Kisses to all.

Dom.

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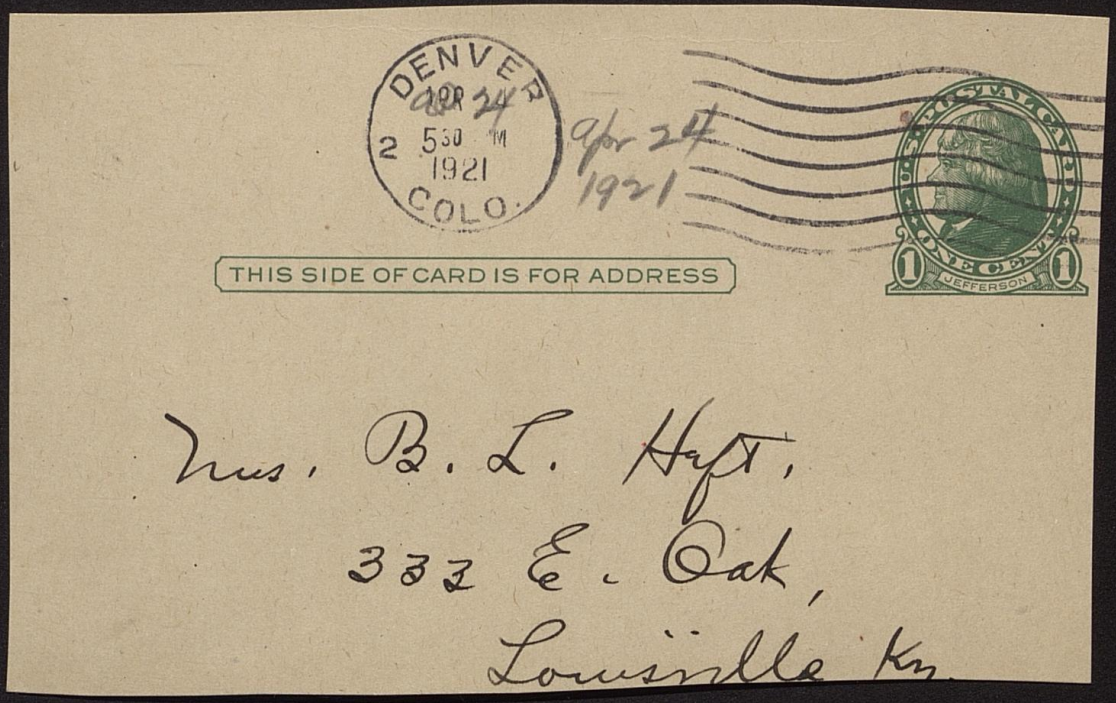
Dear Mother:- April 24-21

I have been trying all week to write & somehow cannot. Will be sure to write today. One year ago today I came in the Saw. (It was Sunday 25th). Will write today later, but want this to get off in the next mail. Am feeling ok. - Best of love to each & all. Joan.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Denver.

Sunday.
april 25 - 21

Dear Mother:-

I have just finished writing letters to Dr. Rann & Walter Beecher. They both wrote me last week and Walter sent a check for $25.00 from the Brotherhood. Dr. Rann & Walter were both as kind as could be, and enquired especially after my financial condition. I told them what I want to tell you now, that through the money I just received from my health insurance, I have enough to last me about two months. But they promised to care for me so that I should lack nothing in the way of finances. Walter wanted to know whether I wanted you to know, or not. I told him that I would write you, for you would be relieved, and then have no ground for worry in this score. Mother, I have come to feel that, inasmuch as I have given my life to the Church, and indeed am now broken through my love & zeal for the Church,

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it will not be amiss for the Church to help me bear this burden. I am sufficiently in debt now — it will take me years to repay it; and you have sacrificed too, more than you ought. So brother, it simply means this, that the Lord is providing, and for me to reject these kind offers would be to reject His providence. — I just received letters from Aunt I & Aunt Hattie. They are both distressed and worried over the news that I am not progressing as I ought. They also sent me a check for $25.00. They have been more than kind to me. — I must stop now, for it is getting late. Have recently taken some snow pictures of the grounds here. Some said that the work was almost as good as professional! Isn't that flattering! I'll send some pictures to you soon. — Best of love to you & Minnie & Buster & Sis & the Babies. I still think of them as Babies! How are all? I am getting along the same as usual. Nothing to worry about.

Love & kisses to all.

Ivan.

April 25-1921

Sunday.
May 1 — 1921

Dear Mother:-

Your last letter came yesterday. In it you tell about Miss Lillie. I am sorry to hear she was sick. I expect the change of altitude & climate had something to do with it. How is she? And what is her address? Remember me most kindly to her & tell her that I'll write to her soon. She surely was good to me. — You said I did not tell you how much the Brotherhood sent. I thought I did, but evidently overlooked it. It was for $25.00 & Aunt L & Aunt Hattie sent me the same. In regard to the check you spoke of sending, do not send it, if you have not already done so. I have enough for a couple of months. That is why I wrote as I did in my last letter, telling you of getting the Brotherhood money & from Aunt L & Aunt H., and from my health insurance. So do not worry about the financial part, & be sure that I am telling you everything about this, as about anything else.

During the past week I have not been feeling too well. I am really surprised that I wasn't put to bed for all meals. I have been running a slight fever, somewhat higher than what I usually do; and my pulse has been high too, and this is rather unusual. However I gained back a quarter of a pound (!) of the six or seven I lost in the two preceding weeks, so it isn't as bad as it might be. – During the week I visited another Sanatorium (Oakes' Home, cared for by the Episcopal Church). I put in an application for a room there. I wanted to go to the Lutheran San. but they are living in cottages, & that would not be good for me. They are building their main building now, but it will be a few months before it is finished. I put in an application for a room in the infirmary, for I want to go to bed till I get this fever down. That at present is the most important thing. Please don't worry. I am getting along as well as can be expected – and even better. Am telling you all. – Love to each & all. Ivan

Episcopal Church Sanatorium

May 1 - 1921

Dear mother:-

May 5-1921 A.M.

I must go down town this am. and go over to the Oaker Home where I am going to stay after I leave here. There is some mix-up about rooms & I have to go there and fix it up. If I wait now, you'll get this letter this week yet. You can see by my going to town that I am O.K., otherwise they wouldn't let me go. - Yesterday marked a year that I have been in this room - you know I had another before I got into this room. I had the first for about 10 days & then moved up here. I want you at the time. Yesterday two years ago I graduated from the Seminary. It was May 4th, Sunday, 1919. You will never forget that, nor will I. I sure thought a lot last evening.

I thought of the commencement services – and myself at the organ! Remember that? And I thought of the two years following that. Well, there are many more to follow!

Must stop for the mail. Love & kisses to Jon & Mamie, Buttie & Sis, and Dede and Ruthie.

Always Lovingly,

Ivan.

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Mother's Day

Today the white carnation,
The emblem of the pure,
Is worn by all our nation
In love that shall endure.

CHORUS

For this is Mother's Day,
And while we sing and pray,
Sweet mem'ries hover 'round us,
Of home and Mother's Day.

We thank God for the Mothers;
For many happy years;
They soothed our cares, our sorrows,
Our childish griefs and fears.

For those who still are with us,
To guide us in life's way,
For those who've gone before us,
Give thanks this Mother's Day.

And when our journey's ended,
When we are called away,
We'll join them in the homeland,
And still have Mother's Day.

Words by Margaret G. Symon.

(Tune---Annie Laurie)

Given at the Service this day, May 8
agnes Memorial Sanatorium. 1921.

Sunday. May 8.
1921

Dear Mother. -

This is Mother's Day!
I went to church this morning at
the San. here. We all wore carnations
in honor of the Day. Of course I thought
of you, and of all the other folks too -
Mamie, and Buttie & Sis, and my
two Honies! It made me a bit
homesick. - I played a violin solo at
the service, the first time in a long time
I've touched my fiddle. I played the
"Sanctus" from Gounod that we sing in
church so often - from his Solemn Mass
to St. Cecilia. Every body spoke so nicely
about it after the service. - Am feeling
better than usual. Don't worry. Love to
each & all, with kisses. Always, Evan.

May 8 - 1921

May 11-1921

Dear Mother:

Am laid up in bed today with a slight illness. Yesterday I went to the Lutheran San. north of Denver. Rev. Feiertag, the Supt. treated me fine. It is a dandy place, not quite completed, but will be, when finished, better than this place in many ways. I am putting in an application, and hope to get in about July 1, when the place is completed. In the meanwhile, I'll be at another San., Oakes' Home. The trip yesterday was too much, + I had a chill + slight fever last night. Will be O.K. in a day or so — feel much better now. Had a visit today from two Lutheran pastors, Rev. Harner + Rev. Anspach. The latter knows Dr. Renn well, as well as Frank Pryor, Grove Strubel, John Gardner + all the other Louisville boys. — Don't worry. Will be up again in a day or so. Best of love to all.

Ivan.

May 11 - 1921

May 11 - 1921

Dear Mother:—

May 14—1921

I am still in bed, but am improving, so there is no need to worry. I have some news. I put in my time here yesterday. That means I shall leave next Thursday. I shall go to Oakes Home, and there be with two friends who were with me a year here. I really have no desire to stay here longer, for practically all the boys that I came to know well have left; and I didn't realize that those friendships could mean so much. So being with these two boys at Oakes, I shall be much happier. Then too, the change will do me good. I had a consultation with Dr. Holden, the head Dr., yesterday, and he agreed that this would be best for me. I shall have the best doctor on the staff here to send to me there. So don't worry. I will stop & get this in the mail. Don't send any more mail here — I shall be gone. Address is c/o Oakes Home Sanatorium. — Will write soon again

Love to all. Joan.

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Dear Mother:-

May 16-1921

Am still in bed, but much better. Temperature almost down to normal. Appetite better too. Lost some weight but am sure I'll soon get it back. Haven't gone to dining room for any meals since Tuesday, but hope to tomorrow. Hate to leave here, & yet know the change will do me good. — Last week got some flowers from a family who were in Peabody, Kan. the summer I was there. And yesterday, it being my last Sunday here and my being in bed, the nurses sent me some flowers. I was deeply touched by it. They have been very kind to me. - I always think about all at home and remember you in my prayers. Don't worry. Am really getting along nicely.

Best & love to each + all.

Evan.

May 17-1921

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May 19-1921

Dear Mother:-

Am leaving this am. Got good news. I am an "apparent aunt". Will explain that later. It is the best classification any we can get. — am better. Fever down to normal now. Feel well. Will write. Love to each + all. Joan.

May 19-1921

Thursday afternoon.

Dear Mother:- May 19-1921

I am now safely settled in Oaker Home! I have a dandy room and am well satisfied. The change in food, I think, will do me good. I had a splendid appetite for dinner, the best in weeks. The room here is more elaborately furnished than at Agnes Mem- Sem, and I have an extra bed on the porch. The room has a good bed, writing desk,

do it than has it done here, for she will do it thoroughly. You will be surprized at the work Sox. I needed them 24 hours a day, for not only did I wear them during the day, but at night also. The pajamas are fraying out a little in the seams, but otherwise are OK. The suit came in fine in the cold weather. And the underwear is beginning to break out, but a little darning will fix that. No hurry, as I'll not need them before October or November. Will stop for this time & write soon & tell you of final examination. Best of love to all. Am feeling OK. Dean.

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3) communicating between the rooms unlocked, and what we have is really an apartment, with each one to himself if necessary. The Judge's mother lives near by - she came for the summer, and is with us a good deal. There is a Victrola in the Judge's room and Mrs. Goree runs it for us. How is that for a life of leisure! I am very contented and that goes much to making progress. will write more of this later.

Mother, I sent my winter things home for Mamie to darn. I would rather have her

2) wash stand, table for medicine, dresser, rocking-chair & straight chair, a good closet, and a fire-place. The room is on the east side, and gets the morning sun, and avoids the afternoon heat. There are three rooms that communicate, and three of us ex-patients of Agnes Mem. San. have them. We were all good friends there, and it is very congenial to be together now. A boy named Crook has room No. 1, a boy named Goree (I call him "Judge") has No. 2, and I have No. 3. We had the doors

May 29-1921

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Sunday.
May 29-1921

Dear Mother:-

Sunday is here and I have not written. During the week I have not been feeling very well. For one thing, I broke my glasses and had eye headaches from that, and then I am taking another vaccine treatment, and feel somewhat upset from that. My temperature had gone down to normal, but

now is slightly up again as a result of the vaccine. But it is not up enough to cause any concern, and indeed, if it were not up, something would be wrong. — I recently had an examination by another doctor, that is, by one not on the staff at Agnes Mem. San. He confirmed what they told me there; that I am making excellent progress, that I am now out of all danger, and

that I can and shall make an absolute cure. On the strength of what he said I am now hoping to come home next September and stay a while. That is the best time of the year, and I feel sure it will not harm me, but will do good. — Must stop and rest, as I still feel somewhat weak. Best of love to each & all. — will write soon again.

Lovingly, Ivan.

June 1-1921

Wednesday.
June 1-1921

Dear Mother:-

It is early - before breakfast - and I want to get a line off today. Today finishes my first two weeks at my new place. I am getting ~~accustomed~~ to it gradually, & like it. I wrote of getting a vaccine treatment last week. It made me sick, and today is the first morning that I have

felt really refreshed after
a night's rest. However, these
treatments are doing me good,
and will hasten my recovery.
Will not try to write much
this morning. Be sure I have
not forgotten anything I want
to tell you, and that I'll
write it all. — I got a letter
from Dr. Rum this week. Also
one from the Lutheran San,
saying that I could enter
as soon as the new building

is completed, about August or September.
Heard also from Aunt I & Aunt H.
They are surely good to me. Tell
Minnie I thank her for her letter, and
that I'll write in a day or so.
Will stop for this time love to
Each & all, and prayers.
Always Lovingly.
Ivan.

Tuesday.
June 7—
1921

Dear brother:-

On the day you either came I had gone to town to get another "shot" of vaccine. It had its usual effect of making me ill, and for that reason I have not answered it, although I have hoped to each day. Be assured that I will soon.

On Sunday I went to church. This Home is under the Episcopal church, and has a chapel in connection with it. There was to be a sermon by a minister who will be consecrated bishop of this

diocese next Saturday, and I was anxious to hear him. The service did me much good and little good! — much from the spiritual standpoint, and little from the physical, for it was too much of a strain. However, I recovered from it all right. — You have doubtless read of the floods in this state, and the disaster at Pueblo. It is fearful. But there is absolutely no cause to worry about Denver. We are high and dry, and in no danger. — Just got a letter from Dr. Renn, with $40. and just finished writing him my thanks. — Don't worry. Am coming along nicely & regaining weight. Best of love to each & all. Always,

Evan.

June 7-1921

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Keep out when showing to rest.

Mother, in your last letter you were afraid that the one written just before would worry me. In that you told of some conditions & you wish to live with me when I am settled again. For many months I've been wondering if I ought ask that of you & Minnie, and now the problem is solved for me. Needless to say, it makes me happy. I'll tell you more about it some time later — I can't write very much now — explanation later in letter. — You write about sending me money. Unless you really wish to do so, I'd rather

you wouldn't. You've done your share and more than your share. Let our Church now help. So I shall be cared for, and you needn't worry. Be assured I am telling you everything, & keeping nothing back. More personal some time soon. As always, love & prayers,

Ivan.

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Tuesday.
June 14-1921

Dear Mother:-

The letter promised yesterday afternoon was delayed by my being so sleepy that I couldn't keep my eyes open. I slept practically all afternoon. I was afraid last night that I couldn't get to sleep for a long time because I the sleep in the afternoon. But I went to sleep before ten and slept till after seven this morning. This feels mighty good to me after all the sleeplessness I used to experience.

I wonder whether I told you that the three of us patients who are together here, have a Victrola.

we got a cheap one, and when we break up our party can sell it almost at cost. The cousin of one of the boys has lent us a big set of records indefinitely, and we surely enjoy it. Mrs. Gosse, the mother of one of the boys, does all the work of playing it. We continue to take the rest required of us while she plays, so you see, we are under no strain. Occasionally we have the company of other patients in the building, who like the music, and you have no idea how this enlivens our existence. Already I am beginning to feel much better than I did the last few months I was at Agnes Memorial.

My fever has gone down, my appetite is good, and I am gaining a little weight. As for this latter I really would rather not gain, for I weigh enough, 165. However, if I should get fatter, I can easily get myself to a good weight when I am well. I surely would hate to be fat! I never dreamed I'd ever weigh as high as I have — 173! Just think of my normal weight, up till a year and a half ago, being 120 to 135! And within the past two years I've been near 120. Well, that is a sign I'm getting well!

As usual there is something to keep me from writing. The vaccine treatment has been giving me pains in my joints, and my

night mist is especially sure.
So I'll stop for this time. It
seems to me that all I do is
keep postponing the things I want
to tell you, but you understand!
Thanks for your last letter. Will
answer them in time. — The
weather here has been abominable.
You read of the rains & floods we've
had here. The heavy rains — the
worst I've seen since leaving home
— have made the weather sultry
and humid. I feel as if the vitality
has been taken from me. Well, it
will be better in a day or so, for such
conditions never last long in the
mountains. — Best of love to you &
mama, Bettie & Lee, and Alethea
and Ruth. Always lovingly, Ivan

June 14-1921.

Tuesday
June 21-1921

Dear Mother:-

Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. Lawrence of El Paso, Texas. He was the pastor of the church in Peabody, Kansas, that I supplied in 1918. He is now camp pastor of the army forts at El Paso and is enthusiastic about the work. He wrote me about a camp for tubercular soldiers in the mountains of New Mexico, about a hundred & fifty miles out from El Paso, and tells me that there is the possibility of a chaplain being appointed there. The work would be light, the climate ideal, there would be plenty of time for rest, and there would be compensation, plus board & medical care. He thinks that I could take the work and says that if I am willing, he will use his influence to secure my appointment. So this morning I am going out to Agnes San. and see my favorite doctor, who was an army doctor & knows of this place

and the requirements. If he say I can't do the work, I'll tell Dr. Lawrence so. If he says I can, I'll tell Dr. Lawrence, and if I then secure the appointment, I'll be satisfied; and if not, I'll be satisfied In either case, I'll feel that it is the Lord's will. Mother, when I first got Dr. I's letter, I wanted to write at once & accept. Then, after thinking, I decided I would not! Then I made up my mind to see Dr. Gowen (at Agnes Sam), and follow his advice. I have all confidence in him, and this work touches on his old army work, so he has just- land knowledge. now please do not worry about this. It will all be well. Every important step in my life has been providential — I see it now. And I shall now do all that is in human power to make a wise choice & then leave the rest to our Father. To Him be the glory.

Must stop. Write at once. Money matters O.K., so don't worry. Best of love to each & all. ~~Fell~~ Feel quite well. Dean.

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Dear Mother:-

This morning a friend gave me the chance of going out to the Lutheran Sanatorium with him, and I was only to glad to go. When I got back I went to my doctor for another shot of vaccine, and hence I was a bit tired. However, I have rested all afternoon, and feel much better. I asked the doctor, who gives me these treatments, about going to the front in New Mexico. He had been an army doctor there, and he said I could do it. So you must have your mind at rest. And now let me tell you what I wrote Dr. Lawrence. And as I told him, so let me tell you. That

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the conditions given were specifically laid down by the doctor. I said that if I could start out with no more than five hours' work a day for the first month, and have the full hours before + after each meal reserved to me for undisturbed rest, then I can take the work. as I feel stronger I can increase the work, if need be. Of course, I would use care in doing this. These are the conditions laid down. So you see, my doctors are careful, and conservative. Really, these conditions are no more severe than those imposed on many patients while actually under sanatorium treatment. The doctors said that the work would do me good - if confined to the hours specified — for

they would relieve the monotony and inactivity that pulled on me so much. In the hours I work I could not tire so much but what I could easily recover in the rest periods following. and all taken together, would build me up. Our doctor especially had a peculiar understanding & sympathy for me. I was drawn to him more than to any other. He realized my nature and my longings, and he was the one who laid down the conditions I must. He was the one who said that this work would actually do me good. He said that in spite of set backs I have

made excellent progress, and if I use care, even in this work, I could progress. One thing he told me was that if I had gone on six months more in my work before coming to the San., I would have been crippled for life. As it is, in a short time I shall lose even the symptoms I have now, so that in a year or two no doctor could even tell that I had the trouble I have! Is not that wonderful? So not assured mother! If I go, it will be well. If I don't, I shall go to the Lutheran San. If I do go, I'll be under the daily care of a staff of many doctors. Either way will be good. and the Lord's will will be done. Amen. Must stop for supper! Love to all. More soon. Love.

Dear brother. June 30-1921

Tonight is June 30 and I can hardly realize that two years ago, tonight, I left home. Then I hoped to visit you in a few months — around Xmas — and now even more time must pass before I can come. How time flies! Yet it will soon come, I know. I thought of home a lot today and of you all. I got homesick, and had a good bawling spell, and feel better for it. With Love Ivan

June 30-1921

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July 4-
1921

Dear Mother:-

Started this letter on Thursday night + hoped to finish it the next day. Since then it has been so hot that I've been exhausted. It was as high as 92, 93 + 94 and on Saturday went to 97. Then, that night, it dropped to 50, and I caught a cold, and am feeling under the weather as a result. I have a slight headache, but know I'll get over that soon. It is very cold for the Fourth, and there is a miserable rain. It's too disagreeable to be outside, and I'm not used to staying in much, so what to do! Well, weather like this seldom lasts more than a day in Colorado, so don't worry.

It is two years ago today that I landed in Livingston. Mr. Busche of whom I wrote so often, met me at the train and took me to his home. Just think that I've spent 15 months of that time in Colorado – it was April 4th that I landed here!

Before I forget, the pajamas came O.K. although very late. They must have been badly delayed. They are fine and comfortable and I thank you ever so much for them. They come in very handily. Your special delivery came yesterday. Don't worry, for since you feel as you do, I'll be very slow to act, and consult you thoroughly before I do. In regard to Arizona, that may be O.K.

in winter but not in Summer. The temperature in Phoenix has been over a hundred for two weeks, and as high as 106. Nice for Colorado in Summer!

I will stop for this time. Got a letter this morning from Dr. Rees telling him to write my meds. I had done so, and his letter must have been mailed just a short time before mine reached him. It was about three weeks ago he sent me a check for $40.00 I thought I wrote you, but evidently I forgot — I sure think of the folks at home + wish I were there. I send love + kisses, and the time will be short till I come home for a visit. Best of love + kisses.

Always. Ivan.

July 4-1921

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July 6 –
1921

Dear Mother:–

On Monday I wrote that I had a cold threatening. I was —

Thursday Eve –

Had just started to write when some old patients and friends of ours (that is, "Judge" Gorce and myself) came to visit us. They came at five and from there on till nine, bed-time, we had company. So I am doing this evening what I hoped to do last evening. I was speaking of my cold, or rather of one threatening. Fortunately, it was only a threat. I felt miserable on the 4th with a bad headache and stuffed head but on the 5th it was breaking and by yesterday I was O.K.

The weather is getting hot again and I am afraid we are going to have some more scorching days. I have been watching the weather reports from Louisville, and see that it could be quite a bit cooler there and still not have you suffer from cold! Disagreeable as it is here, the heat is so much harder to stand in Louisville. It would always get cool here at nights so that one would need at least one double blanket. There is that relief.

I got a letter from Rev. Feiertag of the Lutheran San today. He is hoping to take me in there about the second week of August. That is about a month from now. That is good news for it is out in the country

just up against the mountains.
Behind the San are the mountains.
They are about ten miles away but
look more as if they are but one or
two away. In front of the San is one
of the prettiest valleys in the State.
All the sleeping porches face the
mountains. It is an inspiring sight.

The maid here at Oaks is a
Lutheran, and is really too sick
to work. I told her about the
San and said she ought go there.
She said she had no money, but
had to depend on work. So I wrote
Rev. Friestag, and they will take
her in for nothing. When those
Lutherans undertake anything charitable

they do things thoroughly.

It is my supper time now and I must dress. — Have been getting a number of letters lately from different pastors. I think my notice in the Lutheran of change of address — they print those of pastors — has brought this about. — Got a kind letter from Dr. Rimmer just a few days ago; now that I write it seems to me I told you of it in my last letter.

July 6-1921

Must stop. Best of love to each + all. I think of you all the time + wish I could see you. all love,

Ivan

Denver, Colorado July 20.

Dear Mother:-

Your letter - the last one - came to me last Friday. I have been wanting to write since then but have been miserable from my cold & the vaccine treatment. I have pain through my whole body, especially in the joints. My wrists hurt so, that I can hardly write. I have been thinking about what you mother will answer soon. There is no definite news

as yet about the New Mexico proposition. When such news comes, be sure I'll write you. There is another matter I want to talk about, but will wait until my next letter to do so. I hope that the delay in writing will not be so long this next time. I cannot see why my cold hangs on as it does. The weather is fearfully hot during the day, but, of course, gets cold during the night. It is

a miserable feeling to be
sniffling & have your head
stopped up with a cold. While
I am perspiring from the
intense heat.

Don't worry. The vaccine
has something to do with this
feeling, and the present
inconvenience is more than
repaid by the good it is
doing me.

I hope all at home are
well. It must be hot there!
I watch the weather reports.

Best of love & kisses to
& all, as always. Ivan

July 28-1921

Call to Trinidad Colo

Denver, Colorado July 22.
1921

Dear Mother:-

Get ready to hold your breath for I have some news that will certainly take it away. I have been offered a pastorate in Trinidad, in the southern part of this state. That is, if I can accept I am sure to get the offer. Now the news is this, in the form of a question. Would it be asking too much of you & Minnie, if I get this call, to come and stay with me & keep house for me? I

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would not think of taking this charge otherwise. I have tried hatching once, and while my motto is that I'll try anything once (!), I've had that one trial. and never again! Now I want You & Mumie to be as little excited about this as possible and consider it calmly. I am being real selfish this time and asking You to do me a favor. I do not want to go to another Sanatorium, and the doctors tell me that I can do this if I am careful. So I see no use in going to another San. I can do this work by putting in four to five hours a day, and by staying

Denver, Colorado

in bed as much as possible I could regain strength as well there as in a San., and be much more contented. And I know that if I had you & Mamie to care for me and make me be sensible, I'd get along all right. The doctors say I can do this so I don't see why I shouldn't go ahead. Rev. Ansgach, the Missionary Sup't here, has been very good to me. He has chosen a parish that would not be too hard. For the church is an old established one, and not a

mission that would demand so much energy. In a church like this there is not the eternal pushing that there is in a mission - I know that! The amount of work required I could easily do. The church is an old German Lutheran church, but now uses all English. They have a nice parsonage & would pay me nicely, more than I got at Livingston. In a couple of weeks I am going there to look at the place & see for myself what I think; it is only a short ride from Denver. - Must stop for this time - my wrist hurts. - You & Mennie would not need to come before Oct. or Nov. Don't get too excited & forgive my being so selfish in asking this! More tomorrow. Love to each & all. Ivan.

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Aug. 1. 1921

Dear Mother:-

Since I wrote my last letter I have been laid up a bit, and unable to write. And I am afraid you are worried about me. What laid me up was my cold which came to a crisis a week ago today. I went to bed, to recover from it the more quickly. In two days it was broken and then I developed a boil in my nose! That was fearfully painful, and I had to have the doctor care for that. My! it was awful! But yesterday I felt my good spirits returning, and today I am absolutely O.K.

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And then too, during all this I moved from one room to another. There are four buildings here, an infirmary, a house for women alone, a house for men alone, and then a house with suites of rooms. I was in one of these suites with the two boys of whom I wrote. The one boy, Sentra Crook, went out in town to live with his folks who came from Tennessee for a few months. And last week Mrs. Gosse (the Judge!) moved over to the infirmary where he is taking a special treatment, which is his last chance to get well. That left me alone, so I moved

(3) in the house for me, so I would not be so lonely. There are some boys here that I knew my self out at Agnes Memorial, and am pleasantly located. All this, with my boil + worry from the cold, upset me badly. But do not worry — please. The doctor says I am in splendid shape and he says I can go to work any time now. And this doctor is the worst "wet blanket" I know of. I once complained to another doctor that my present doctor always spoke discouragingly rather than otherwise, and was a wet blanket. The answer was that a wet blanket has put out many

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a fuss! This doctor raises no false hopes, and when he says a thing is safe, you can be absolutely sure it is. And this brings me to the matter of my returning to work and asking you & Minnie to come out. In your last letter - or the one before - you said I had better wait ~~till~~ spring before going back to work. Mother, I have found out that spring is the worst season of the year for one who is sick, or not strong, and fall is the best. In almost every case, doctors will tell you this is true. So if I did not go to work this fall or winter, I certainly

would not do it in the spring.
The autumn here would be a
splendid time for me to return to
work. The doctors all say that I
can, and I would be very careful,
and especially would this be true
if you & Mennie were with me. Now
of course, I am not sure that I
can get the pastorate at Trinidad,
the one I wrote about. But if
not that one, there another one. And
the climate here is splendid, and
you & Mennie would both enjoy it.
I would do my work systematically
— one thing that life at Agnes
Memorial taught me was to live
up to a routine when necessary!
There will be certain hours in

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the day when I work, & certain hours when I rest or relax. I'll be very regular in the matter of going to bed on time, and getting the sleep I need. For the first number of months I'll not have to bother about sermons — I have enough to last at least eight months! That will leave me plenty of time to do my pastoral work, and as that will mean some walking, I shall be sure of good exercise. Now brother, don't worry about the financial side of the matter. I shall get more than I did in Livingston. I shall get what I got there plus the house, light, heat, etc.

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So do not worry about the financial side. Should you come out & stay with me, the financial sacrifices I'd make for you would be small compared with those you've made for me. I can tell you more of this when I talk with you personally. - And as to the time of your coming. I would take the charge about Sept. 1st, and stay for two weeks, and then get leave of absence for a month - that could be arranged. In that month, I'd be home, & we could make any necessary arrangements. Then you & Minie could come out when convenient. I'd rather you would wait a bit longer,

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for then things would be more settled, and homelike. - Oh, mother, I am anxious to return to work, and I am able. But I don't want to do it alone. May I be selfish and ask you & Minnie to come & stay with me. The congregation is old German Lutheran, and I know Minnie would like them & be at home with them, & you would too. I know that this is sudden for you to decide; yet it would be three months or more before you would have to come. Please tell me what you think, and I'll write more too, especially after next Sunday when I shall go to Trinidad for a visit. May our Father's will be done. May His blessing be with you all. Amen.

Always lovingly, Ivan.

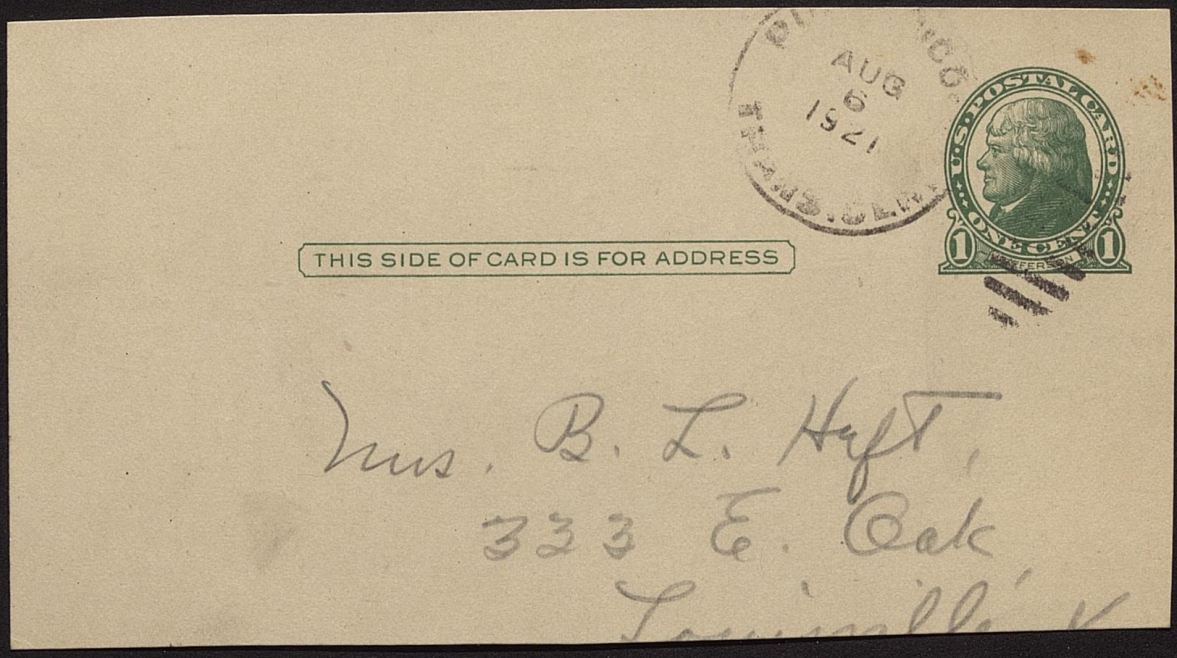
Trinidad

Aug 1-1921

Pueblo — 8.6.21.
Aug 6-21

Dear brother:-

Am in
Pueblo, waiting for
my train to leave.
The wreckage from
the flood is still
something fearful.
Will try to take
some pictures.
Am well. Standing
the trip fine! Love
to all. Joan.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Trinidad — Sunday —

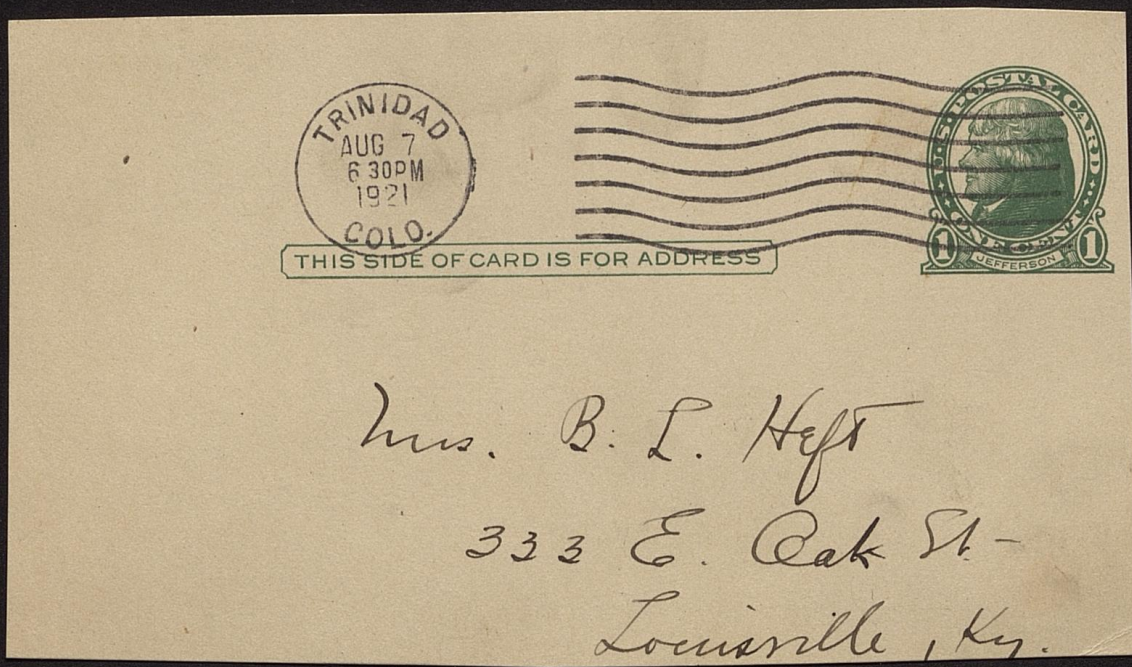
Aug 7-1921.

Dear brother:-

Preached in Trinidad

Preached my
first sermon this
morning after almost a
year and a half!
Results: the people
liked it; I ate the
biggest dinner in many
months; slept soundly
for a few hours and
am now completely
refreshed. Am very happy
over it. Love. Letter soon.

Dan.



Mrs. B. L. Heft

333 E. Oak St.

Louisville, Ky.

Aug - 9 - 21.

Trinidad
~~Denver~~, Colorado

Dear Mother:-

Today is Tuesday.
Since I have been in Trinidad
I have been visiting the congregation.
A family here takes me around
in an automobile, so I have no
walking to do. And I spend as
much time in bed as I can. I am
in bed at least as much as the
doctors advise, and sometimes more.
I am staying with a family
named Hay. They are Z German
blood, so Z comes pronounce
the name as it is in German

Mrs. Hay's father is an old Lutheran pastor. Yesterday he was 75 years old. He is a fine looking old man. He lent me his robe to preach in Sunday. He is retired from active work now, after having been a pastor for many, many years. The church here is an old-fashioned German Lutheran church. The altar, instead of being placed with its back to the wall, stands about three feet out from the wall. There is a rail before it, padded for kneeling. The pulpit is on the side of the church, and a

little stair way leads up to it. On the altar there are candle-sticks, a small crucifix, and in a niche in the altar a lovely statue of Christ. I think it is very impressive. The church itself is quite small. If the pews were crowded, 108 could be seated on the main floor and the balcony would seat about 30. The building would not hold more than 150 at the most. - There are still a lot of German families here. On some of my visits the old pastor here - his name is

Rev. Samuel – went along, and his wife. Of course when he talked with the people he talked in German. I had no trouble understanding, and the people seemed very much pleased. – You would be amazed at the appetite I have. I am eating in one meal what I usually eat in a day, and am ready for the next. I think the climate has much to do with it, and the auto rides I get. There are mountains all around, and it is a treat to get out. I sleep well, and rest well, and keep good rest hours. Am feeling fine. Will write soon again. Love to each & all. Always. Ivan.

Trinidad Aug 9-1921.

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Aug 15-1921
Train from Trinidad

ENROUTE
THE COLORADO & SOUTHERN RY.
THE FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY.

Monday.
aug 15/1921

Dear Mother:

Am now on the train from Trinidad to Denver. Had a fine time. Stood it splendid & the people liked me.

Am well. Don't worry.

will be nice to visit
as soon as I get to
Denver, but want to
drop this line. The
people had only promised
me $10.00 but gave me
$25.00 in addition to
my expenses. More later.
Love to all.
Joan.

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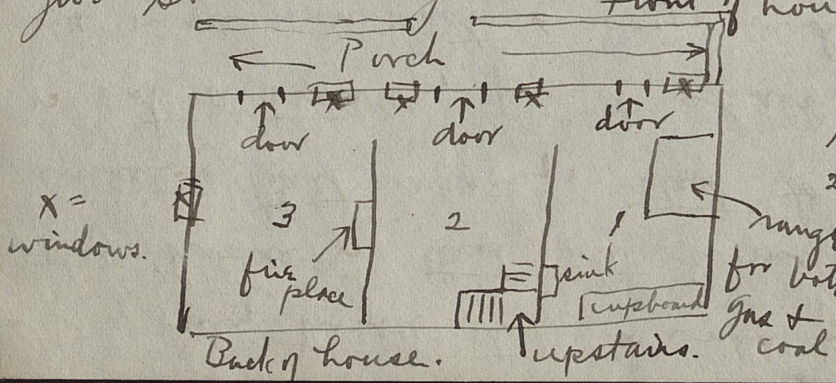
Monday.
Aug 22 - 1921

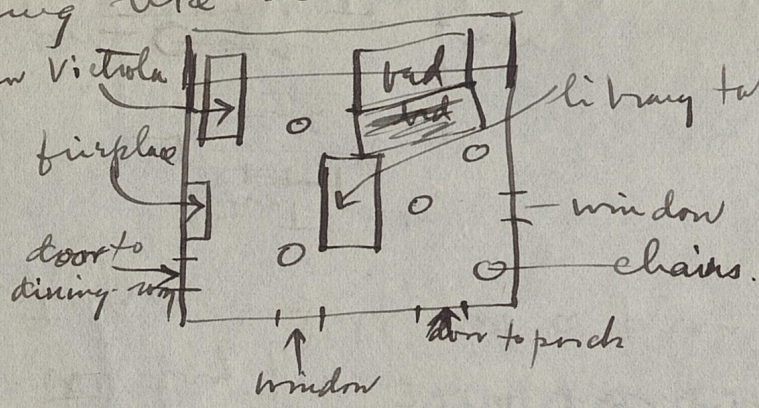
Dear Mother:-

The Missionary Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Synod says that he is writing the congregation at Trinidad to call me. The salary will be $1400 a year with the parsonage, and the latter includes electric light, heat (that is, coal & wood), and gas, as well as telephone service. altogether, this will be worth $1900 a year or more. The house is comparatively a small one. It is rather old-style, built of stone, and has a bath & toilet built in. I'll give some diagrams: Down stairs first:

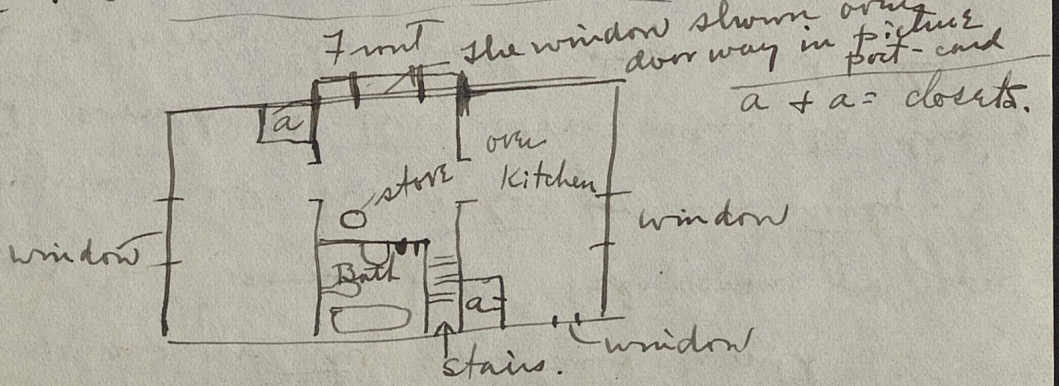


2/ The only trouble that I could find with the house is that the rooms are quite small. But really, that to my mind is not a trouble, for it shall only make us more compact & cosy, and there will be less trouble than in caring for a big house. The kitchen is about the size of the one at home, only more square. There is a large range with an oven, and can be used either for coal or gas. There is a cupboard, from the floor up about 6 ft high, and about 10 ft long. It will do for all dishes, cooking utensils, etc. — Room No. 2 I should want to use as a dining room. It is convenient to the kitchen. We would also use it as the general living room. In the back of the room a closed-off stairway leads upstairs. — Room No. 3 I would want to use for my bed-room and as a sitting room for us all in the morning. There is a fire-place there — that with

3) the kitchen stove would heat the down-stairs. I would have only my bed in this room – I'll explain that later in talking about the upstairs. We would also have a table, a library table & comfortable chairs, and a table for my Victrola & records. The arrangment of the room would be something like this:

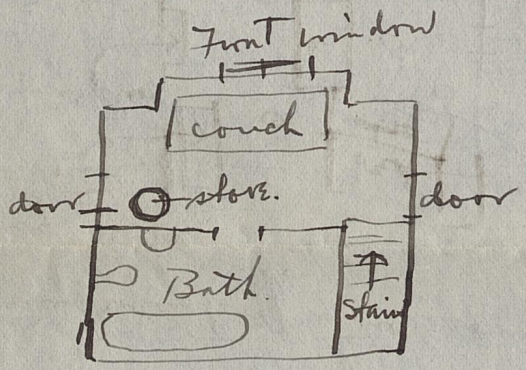


We should also need a rug for this room. For the dining room we could get a serviceable Congoleum rug for $10 or #12. We should also need a dining table & chairs. And now the up-stairs:



a & a = closets.

4/ My plans for the up-stairs would be to have one room for a bed-room for you & Mennie, and the other for my study. What would be the room over the dining room is now the bath-room and the rest is a little alcove as you can see in the picture post-card. In this there is a stove to heat the up-stairs, and there is room for a couch. I should want to have a couch, for I plan to lie down during the day for 3 to 4 hours during the first year. I'll give a plan of this part.



As to the rooms, you can chose when you come which you want for a bed room & which I am to have for a study. I want my study upstairs. It will be more quiet, and the room will be better suited

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than room no. 3 downstairs. And too, I should like to have my bed-room separate from my study. So I can have my bed in the room down-stairs and the study up-stairs. I'll want to have my chiffonier & clothing up-stairs, since the clothes-closet is there, & the bath-room, and I can dress & undress there & then come down-stairs to bed. This will not be so unhandy as it seems. Of course, these plans are all tentative. We may change them later on. I just give them now to give you some idea of things. - And now as to the things you'll bring when you come. Of course, we'll talk these things over when I come home, but this much we can say. If Mamie wishes, we can ship her bed-room set. I think she would want to have it along. I should want my checker-table, though I guess

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it would reach Trinidad in bits, since it is not as solidly built as Mamie's furniture is! And I should want you to bring your sewing-machine! for I think, perhaps, you'll find use for it, for you are alone, if not for you & Mamie. As to other things, mother, you'll have to bring as little as possible. The house is very small, & there is no cellar nor attic. And the church has no basement in which we could store things. There is absolutely no place down-stairs where we could put trunks or boxes, and upstairs there are only two closets, one in each room. In the bath-room we could put a couple of trunks, one on top of the other. The rest would have to go in our rooms, and they will be well filled without boxes or trunks. My study will have 12 feet of book cases and several tables & chairs, with the

7) chiffonier. Your room will have the bed-room set + that will just about fill it. And we do not want things so crowded that we have to search our way about. But more about this when I come home. And now I'll give a list of things we need:

For yourself: Mamie's bed-room set. And the rug in your room.

For myself: Bed + chiffonier.

Study: Tables + book shelves.

For these tables, I'll merely get plain pine tables + cover them with some green cloth I have. There are book shelves in the parsonage. — Also, Congoleum rug.

For alcove:- Couch.

For kitchen: Nothing, except of course, dishes + cooking utensils. (I have some in Montana, + they will serve us till we can buy some in town.)

For dining room:- What we think to be necessary. We can get something good + serviceable rather than expensive. Also Congoleum rug.

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For sitting room:- my bed; (my checker-table); another table; chairs; rug.

So you see, after all, we do not need comparatively much. The dining room & sitting room are really the only items that are considerable.

And now, another thing. I spoke to Rev. Anspach (Missionary Supt.) about travelling expenses, & moving. It is customary to pay that, i.e., the congregation & Mission Board. So this is sure, that the moving expenses will be paid; that is, your furniture and other things and my stuff from Montana. I am not sure that your & Bonnie's R.R. expenses will be paid, but I am fairly certain that that can be arranged also. However, will see about that in time.

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And now, as to my coming home: It will be about the middle of September. The Rocky Mountain Synod will meet the 2nd week in Sept. and I ought to be there. So I'll be home as soon after that as I can. But more of this later.

I'll stop for this time, want to get this off. Tell Sis I'll soon write & answer her letter. Best of love to all.

Ivan.

aug 22-1921
About Trinidad

More about Trinidad

9-8-21.

Dear brother:-

First I want to answer your last letter where you speak of not bringing very much out to Trinidad, but buying things there. I spoke to Rev. Anspach, Missionary Superintendent, last week, and asked him about the expenses the congregation ought pay for us. His answer was R.R. fare for both you & Minnie, as well as moving expenses! And I am going to insist on it. When you think of it, that is only fair. Since you and Minnie are to be with me, it will mean that I can do much better work for the congregation, and that expense will be returned to them in many ways. They will not be loser.

Sept 8-1921

2) I have had enough sacrifice in the last year and a half, and need not have any more. And you have too, more than enough. And you are making additional sacrifice by giving up your work, and breaking up things at home. So these moving and rail road expenses will be paid by the congregation. At least, they will be refunded to us, for if the congregation cannot pay all, the Home Mission Board will pay the rest. I know this will be good news to you, and will ease up financial considerations greatly. Rev. Ansbach told me to insist on some other thing. I am to insist that my expenses be paid to all meetings of Synod. The Northwest Synod provides for that.

3)

In the Rocky Mountain Synod no specific ~~provision~~ provision has been made. So I am to see to it that this expense does not fall on me. And Rev. Anspach also told me to insist on a month's vacation each year, with salary! And a few more conditions: I want the new United Lutheran Church Hymnals to replace the old General Synod Hymnals; and I want a system of Lutheran Graded Lessons installed in the Sunday School. So you see, it is quite a big bill I am asking! However, the conditions that are asked on my part are only just and fair; and the last two conditions are for the good & growth of the Church. And I have found that people will consent to changes before a pastor comes, much more readily than

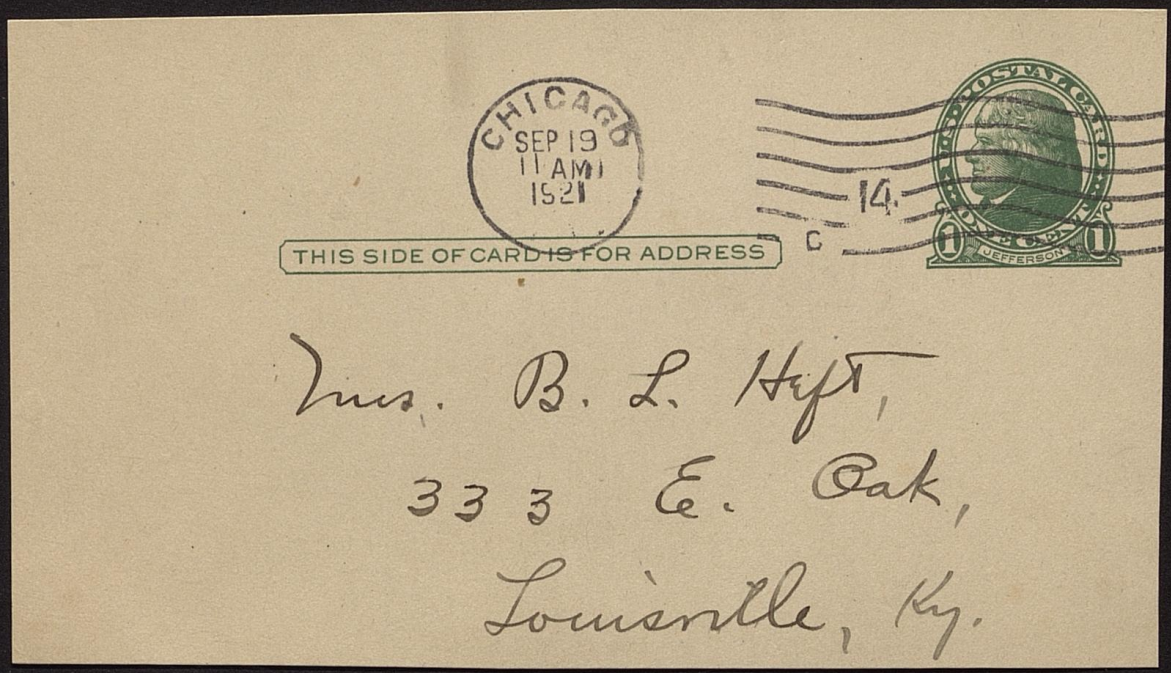
after he comes. You see, there are certain things that I have already learned, and I am going to make use of my experience.

You write about the windows in the house! I thought I had put them all in, but I evidently missed a few! As to the cellar, it is conspicuous by its absence. This is often characteristic of building in this country. There is a shed on the back of the lot, in the rear of the church, and much could be kept there. — And now, a bit of news in closing. I am coming home! I had intended to reach home about Oct. 1st, but now want to do so a little sooner. It will be about Sept. 22, two weeks from today. Excitement! Excitement. Will let you know definitely next week. Best of love to all. Want to hurry this in the mail.

all love - Ivan.

Dear brother. Sunday
Sept 19-1920

Have had a busy time in Omaha. Stayed with Rev. Enright, who was a class-mate in Seminary days. He was called home last night by sudden illness of his father. So I took his Service this morning and this afternoon. Am now waiting for my Chicago train. Will spend a couple of days in Chicago & then home. Will let you know when in good time. Love to all. Evan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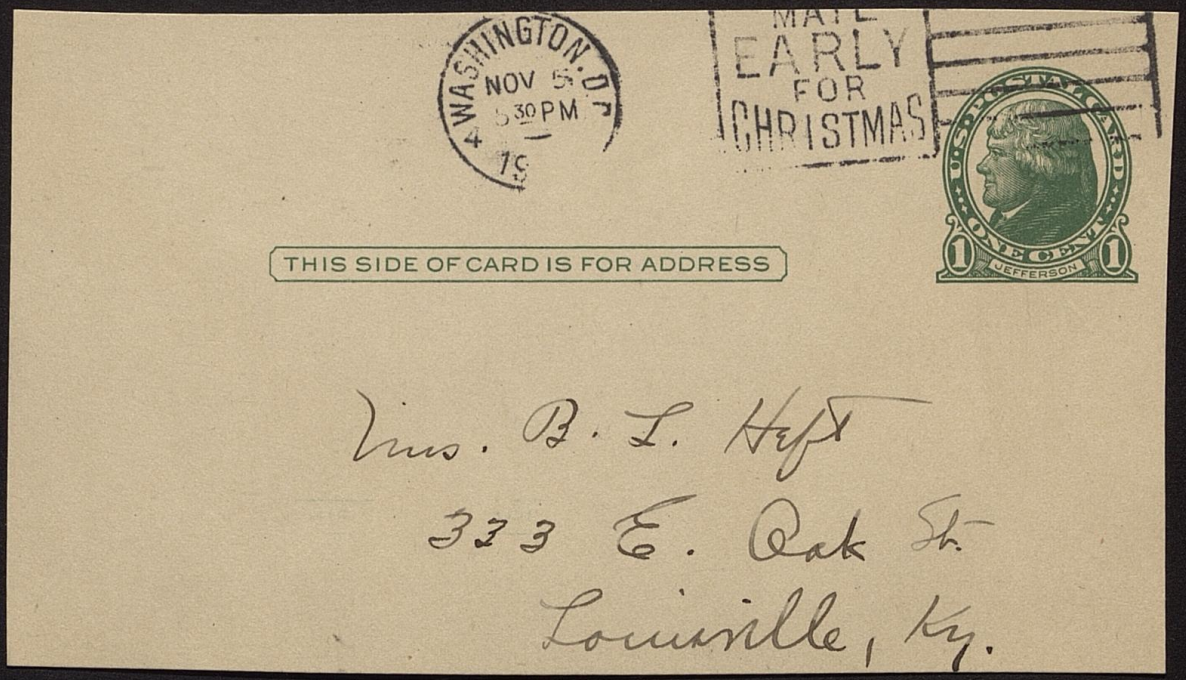
Nov 5 - 1921

Dear Mother:

Have arrived safely in Washington. Had a good trip. Slept and rested about 12 hours out of the whole trip so it is not so bad. Tell Mamie & Sis the lunch was fine! Just right! Love to each & all. Aunt I send love. Will write. Ivan.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Washington, Sunday
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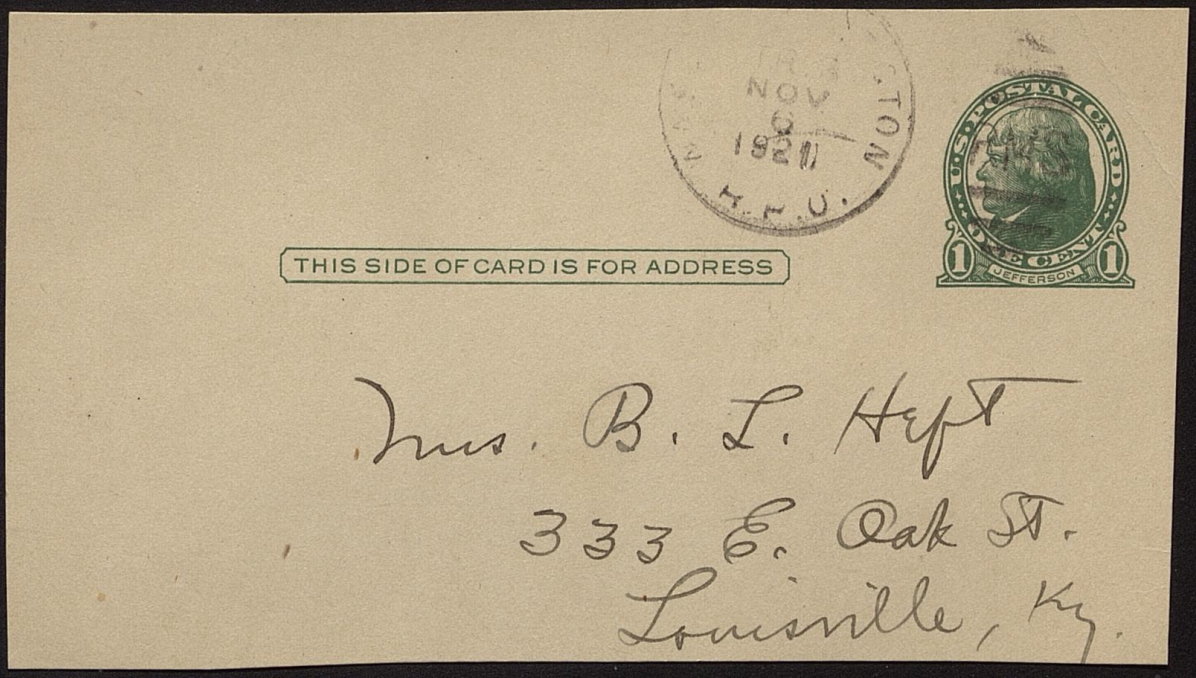
Dear Mother: —

Aunt Hattie came here this am on an excursion from N.Y. and surprised Aunt I & me. I am going back with her this afternoon. The arrangements are sudden but seem to be best. Both send love to all.

Love & kisses —

P.S. - can't see Ivan.

Norris, but call up



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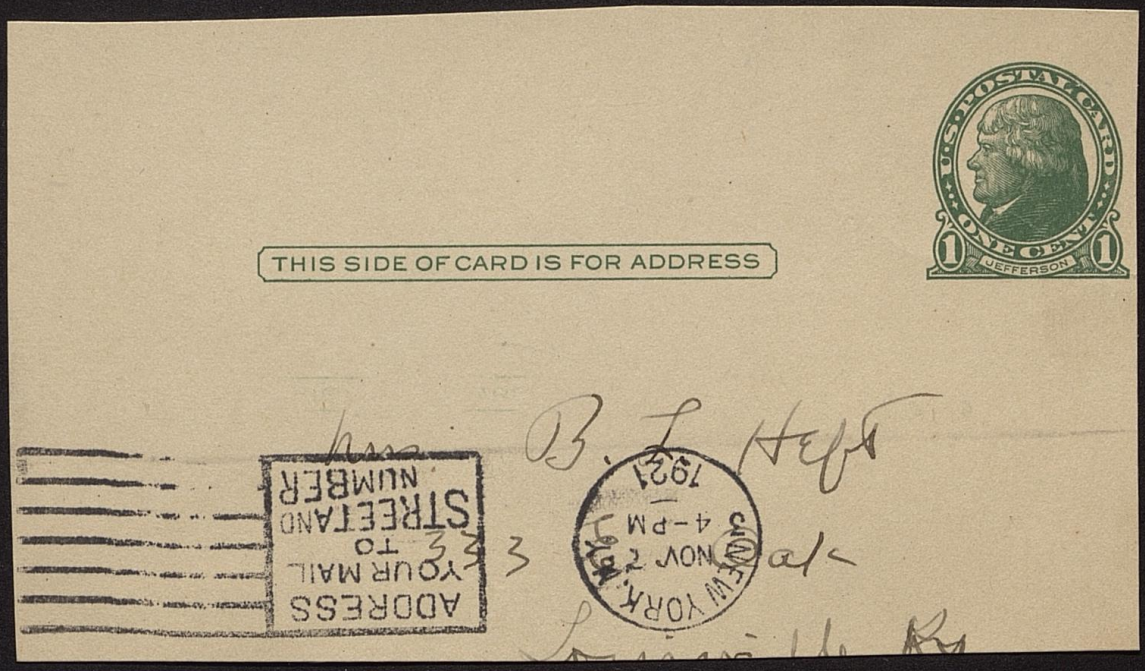
Louisville, Ky.

Monday
Nov. 6 - 1922

Dear Mother:-

Am here
in New York. Came
down to a doctor
today, only to find
him out! Hope to
leave for Savannah in
a couple of days. - Will
keep writing. Am a bit
tired but getting
rested. Love.

Dan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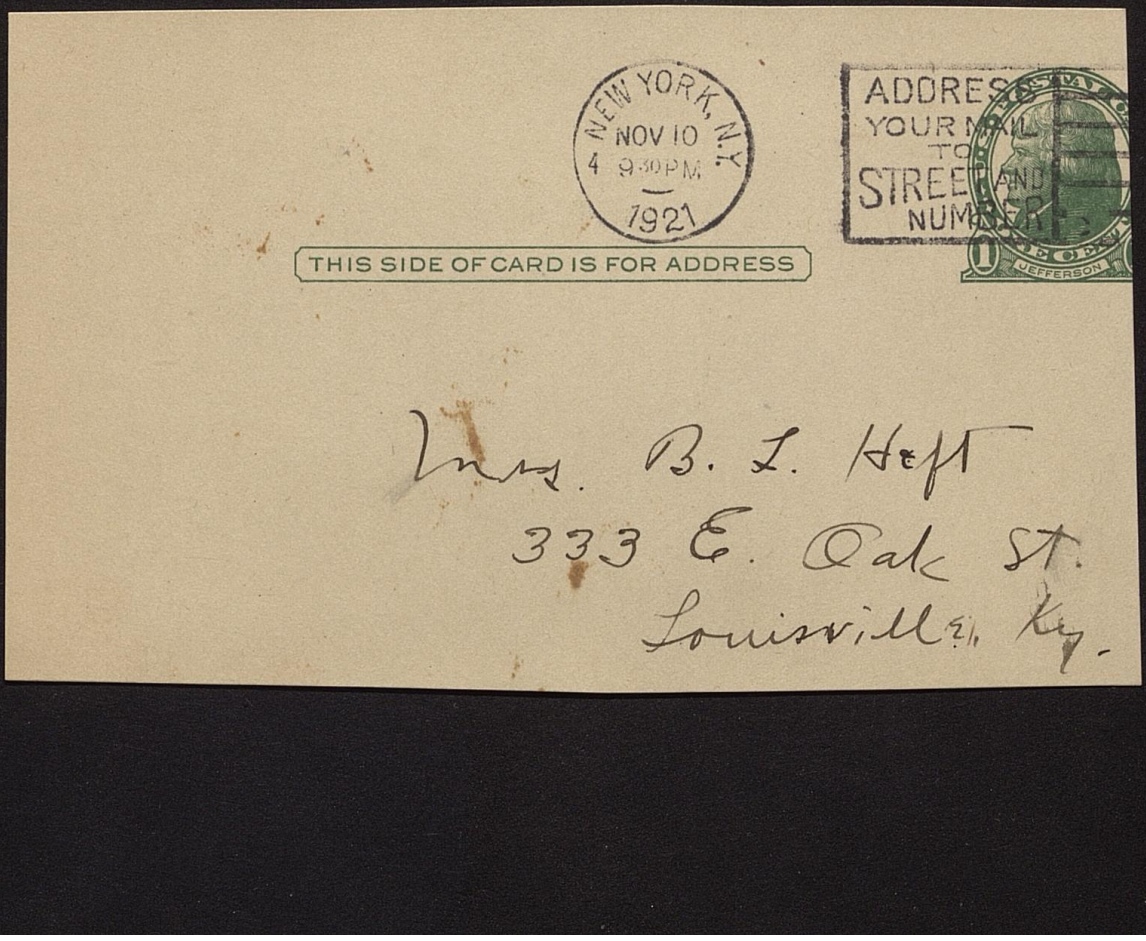
Dear Mother: Nov 10-1921

Went with Aunt Hattie to a Doctor and his final advice was to take further sanatorium treatment. So I shall go to Saranac. Am having my eyes tested now and that will keep me here a few days yet. Will write at greater length. Love. Dean.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Friday
Nov 11 - 1921

Dear Mother:

Today I went to the oculist. My eyes are still a bit blurred so I can't write much. But I just want to dash a line to let you know that I am getting along all right. The doctor told me on Wednesday that I'd better continue to take sanatorium treatment. He said plainly that this was not because I seemed in bad condition now, but simply because of the history of my case. He said that I have not really been in a sanatorium long enough, and advised a

bit more treatment. So I shall go to Saranac. It will be next week. For I must wait till Tuesday for another examination by the oculist. And then I'll need a day to get my lenses. So it will be about Thursday that I'll get to Saranac.

— I am feeling well, and sleeping unusually well. The climate seems wonderfully better than that in Louisville, even here in New York! The air is keen and bracing, especially here on the upper part of the island. My appetite is better than it was

in Louisville, and there it was much better than in Denver. - How did the Bond Issue come out? I saw in the N. Y. Times that Linn was elected. You can be sure I was disappointed. The Democratic Mayor of N. Y. was reelected by 420,000! That is some difference! It was a 2 to 1 vote. I could wish it had been so in Louisville. - Tell Dr. Renn I'll write soon. Give my regards to all. Love + kisses to you + Mennie, to Buttie + Sis, and to De-de and Ruthie. - I wish I were home! with all love. Ivan.

Nov 11-1921
a.m.

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Friday Nov 11 - 1921

N.Y.

Dear Mother! -

Am leaving

tonight - Thursday - for

Saranac Lake. Shall write

them some time. Will

write at once so don't worry.

Am feeling marvelously well.

Love to each + all.

Heartily,

Sam

Nov 11-1921 P M

Nov 18-1921

Dear brother:-

I landed in Saranac Lake this morning. The weather was miserable. They had had a foot of snow, and it suddenly turned warm, with a miserable rain. So everything was wet and foggy and sloppy. I had come on the sleeper from N.Y. city, and the trackling was so bumpy that I didn't sleep much. So in view of that, and also not caring to run around in the rain, I came

here to the hotel and went to bed. I slept most of the morning, and as I had a hearty breakfast and hearty dinner, I felt pretty well. I then went out to see about lodging. It had stopped raining, and the sun was shining, so it wasn't so bad, even if very sloppy. I went to see a Dr. and he examined me. From the examination he gave he could find nothing wrong. Of course, that doesn't mean there is no trouble, but it does mean that if there is any it is very

slight. I am to have an X-Ray taken and that will show conclusively what the situation is. I went out to the Sanatorium, which is about a mile from the village here. It is possible that I may need San. treatment for a while yet, and I wanted to apply as soon as possible. I secured a boarding-house within a short distance from the sanatorium. Of course, I don't know how satisfactory it will be, but I can try it and see. I'll not have to stay there, although I

would like to be close to the Sun.
There is very reason to be encouraged
mother. Of course, I can't take a
pastorate for some months yet, but
I may be able to do lighter work,
such as that of a chaplain. And even
if I can't do this, and have to wait
awhile yet, let us be thankful for
what I have accomplished. After
all, few cases are sufficiently
improved in two years to warrant the
patient returning to work. I am not
in danger, that is certain. And while



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I may have to take treatment a few months yet, it will not be so bad. The worst is behind us.

My address until further notice is: % Mrs. J. Pomeroy, Trudeau, N.Y. (Trudeau!) This is the post-office at the Sanatorium. I'll give sufficient notice of any change. I feel well, but a bit tired. Otherwise o.k. - will hasten this on. Best of love & kisses to you & Minnie, to Buttie & Sis, and to Dr-de and Ruthie. Don't worry. I'm telling you all!

Ivan.

Nov 18-1921

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Monday -

Dear Mother:- Nov 21 - 1921

Have gotten settled since writing you Friday. I am out in the country from Saranac Lake. The Sanatorium is about a mile out from the village, & I am about a quarter mile from the San: I want to be as near it as possible. I had another Xray today. It was favorable, in that very little trouble can be found, if any, by listening through a stethoscope. So the X-Ray will have to give the decision. That was taken today and I get the report in a day or two. I am not sure that I'll need San treatment, tho' every-

thing points to that, and it seems to be most sensible thing to do. However, it is certain that I am in relatively good condition, or they could hear more in my chest. But there is nothing to worry over. The worst is past, and while treatment may be needed for a while yet, it is only to make things safe.

After my examination today I met a doctor who was a patient with me at Agnes Memorial, Dover. He was truly surprised to see me, and we had a long chat.

Mother, I shall have to ask you to place some money to my credit. The check that John Gardner & Dr. Renn spoke of, has not come, and I need money. Could you do it Saturday, or have it done? I shall write a check on the bank, i.e. The Fidelity & Columbia, and deposit it Friday or Saturday. It will be next week before it reaches Louisville then. I am sorry to trouble you in this way, but the other hasn't turned up yet. If any mail has come please forward it at once. The address I gave you in my last

letter; Pomeroy's, Trudeau, N.Y.
I have written to the Board of
Municipal Relief, asking to
have my aid resumed. Am
expecting an answer tomorrow.

I came across some clippings &
I wondered if you wanted them
again. So I return them. I am
through with them. - I am well
satisfied here. The air is fine,
the meals splendid, and the
people very nice & congenial. I
hope you have a lovely Thanksgiving.
How are you all? All love to you &
Minnie, & Bettie & Sis, and Dode
and Ruthie. I surely hope all
are well. - Sent some Thanksgiving
cards today! - all love - Ivan.

Nov 21-1921

Nov 21-1921

Friday.
Nov 25-1921

Dear Mother:-

Jess card came O.K. I went to see my doctor today, and want to tell you what he said. He told me that he could find very little with a stethoscope. And he also told me that the X-Ray showed very little trouble. So now matter how I feel, or what symptoms I show, at the very worst I cannot be very sick and am out of danger. So be sure of that. But then the question comes up, what is the worst! That the doctors cannot tell, but must wait a few weeks and watch my reactions. At present I am running a slight fever, and am losing weight. all that would indicate tuberculosis in a slightly active state. Then too, I have bad pains in my legs and chest, and these seem to be from tuberculas poisoning. However, even if this is true, remember that the activity is very small, otherwise they could find it with a stethoscope and prove it in the X-Ray. So it seems that I still need a little treatment. all the doctors I've consulted have

advised that. However, to my mind there is a slight uncertainty, and I am going to have some tests taken that will give definite results. Then I'll know for sure. In the mean time I am to keep still. That means that I must either stay in bed all the time or else in a comfortable "curing chair" that they use here. In the latter one is reclining, and can arrange the chair so that he can sit up in it if he wishes. I shall use the latter instead of the bed, for I am tired of living in bed all the time, and too, I'll have company if I stay in the chair on the porch. — Please be sure I am telling you all. If I didn't want to tell all, I wouldn't have written about the fever, & loss of weight, & toxic pains. So I am telling everything, and you see that the very worst cannot be serious. I simply need a little more time. So we must all be patient. — Tell Sis I finally saw to getting the pictures developed. I was so uncertain of my stay before that I didn't want to try it. I'll send them when I get them. — Am nicely located & well content. Only I wish I were home! However, that can't be for awhile! But prayer can bridge the distance, and love too. All love to you & mumsie, to Buttie & Sis, and De-de & Ruthie. And kisses! Joan

May 25-1921

Sunday
Dec 6 - 1931

Dear Brother:-

Time keeps slipping by without my writing, and yet seems to mean nothing to me. I have nothing to do but pass the time - and then seem amazed that it has passed. In the past week I got a definite report of my X-Ray. It showed very little trouble. Indeed, were the doctor to judge by that alone, they would say there is nothing wrong with me! So you see, there is no cause for worry. However, they want me to continue treatment for a while yet to be on the safe side. And they told me I can enter the Sam. - I suppose I have told you all this - yes, I know I wrote it. I can't imagine why I write it again. I'm not responsible for the working of my brain! - Got a letter from the Board of Relief with checks for December and November. I had received the one for October while in Louisville, so there is no break in that. The Board was very nice to me, and I had no trouble in being reinstated after I had once dropped from their care. I thought that perhaps the office formalities might require some time, but there was no red tape at all. - I have not heard from Dr. Rowe as yet, but wrote him last week. So I expect to be in good shape financially. - I am sending a picture taken of me on the porch. I am propped up

in blankets and sitting in what is called a "curing chair". You will notice a book-rack on the left of my chair. That can be arranged as the lady (a Mrs. Maugam) down the porch has hers arranged. So you see, one can read and keep covered. The dog on my lap is Tinker. He belongs to the Powers and is a great favorite. You see, he makes himself at home with me. — I'm enclosing some pairs of letters that explain themselves. The first was written by Rev. Groth in Livingston and sent to me care of Dr. Bibbs. He had heard from Dr. Waltz of my Trinidad plans and sent it there. Then to Lewistown, there to Swanee Lake, and it was forwarded here. Our letter was mailed from Billings, Mont., evidently forwarded to him there. So you can see what a trip that letter had. — Mrs is scarce. My appetite was poor for a while but is enormous now. I eat more than anyone else at the table, and this amuses the others and makes Mrs Powers glad. She is an unusual boarding-house keeper. When we don't eat she really worries. Our girl here eats but little and distresses Mrs. P. all the time. So you see, I help cheer her up! Am wondering if Dr gained what I lost. Will find out Tuesday when I see my Dr. again. — Thank Dr-de for her letter. It was so nice. Tell her I'll write her one soon will answer your letters next time. Want to hurry this off. Love + kisses to you + Mumie, + Bettie + Sis, and Dr-de + Ruthie. 1261-930 Always. Jean.

Dear Mother:- Dec 7-1921

Today I leave to enter the Sanatorium. I was called rather unexpectedly, but am glad to go, for I want to get down to business as soon as possible. I am very sorry to leave this boarding-house. I have never had a finer, with the possible exception of Mrs. Stout in Princeton. I told Mrs. Pomeroy that this was a home more than a boarding house and it is true. And the people here are lovely. Yet, of course, I must leave. - Hereafter address me % Trudeau Sanatorium, Trudeau, N.Y. - I must stop. I am out on the porch writing & don't want to be too long. Will write more from the San. All love to each and everyone.

Ivan.

Mrs Pomeroy house

Dec 7-1921

Dear Mother:- Dec 7-1921

Am now in London Lan. Have had to go through the usual red tape, but it is not new to me, nor the least bit disconcerting! Am in a special building for new patients, where I'll be observed for a week, temperature, pulse, etc. Then will be put in permanent quarters.

Am quite tired, so will close. Love to you & Mamie, and Buttie & Sis, and De-de and Ruthie, and many kisses.

Love

Dec 7-1921
P.M.

Indiana Law
Dec 7 — 1921

Friday
Dec 9 - 1921

Dear Mother -

Got your letter yesterday, but have had no time to answer. Am having some tests this morning that take up all the time. - will answer your letter late today. - Have lost my fever, and temperature is normal now. It had kept up about two weeks - Mother please send the following information at once. At what age did your father & mother die? And what was the cause of death? In case of grandfather, I shall simply say accident. That will be enough. - Will write more tonight. All love. Dave.

Dec 9-1921

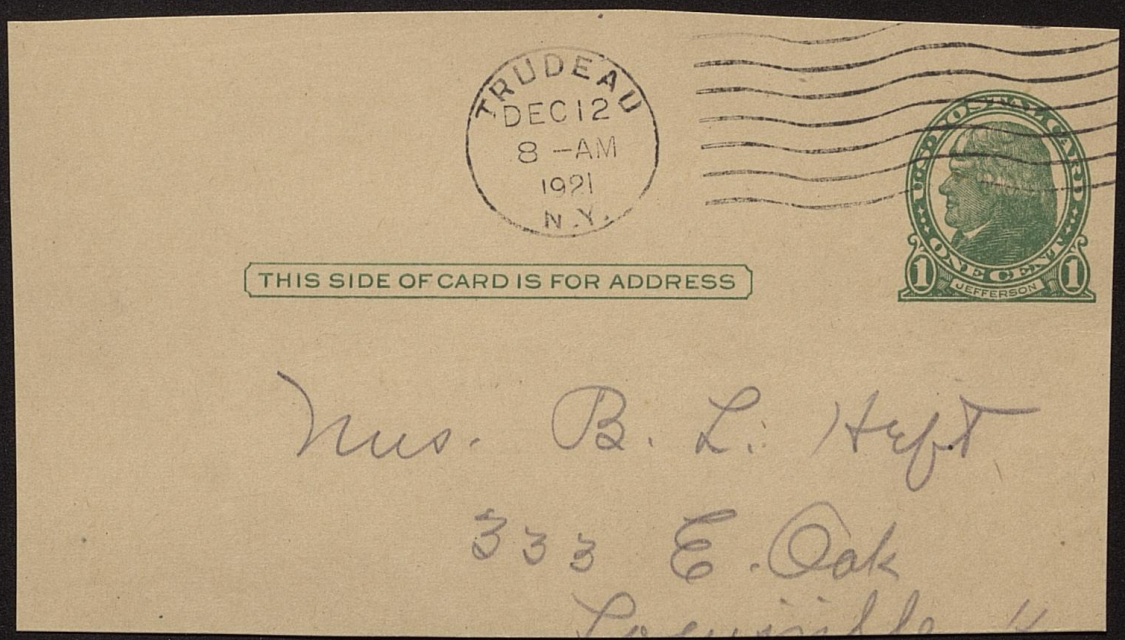
Dec 9-1921

Sunday.
Dec 11-21

Dear Mother-

Am feeling
better today. Fever
gone. Am going to
church this evening
for the first time
since being up
here. Love to each
& all. Will write
as soon as I can.

Ivan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Dec 13-
9:45 am

Dear Mother:-

I have just a moment that I must snatch. And then have to go to the Doctor's laboratory for another test. Then have to be out side till eight p.m. except time off for dinner and supper. Then must be in bed at nine! In that hour I have to tend to a number of ventures things and it is always gone before I know it. In the morning I have to stay in bed till 7:30, when the nurse takes my temperature. Then have to get ready for breakfast, and the little time is soon gone before I must be out in the air. And so goes it. — While I have the time now, I'll answer the questions

in your last letter. You speak of my going better off in a warmer climate, Florida, Georgia, Arizona, or Texas. It is true that the climate in parts of these states is wonderful at this time of the year, and I'm sure that if I cannot stand it here, I'll go elsewhere. However, the weather is not severe here, and I'm getting a treatment and care I can't get anywhere else in the country. So I shall stay here unless I find I can't stand it. I can leave any time with but a few hours' preparation, and I'm sure that I will if it is unwise for me to stay here. Then too, the doctors here will give me frank advice. In Denver they don't like to tell you to go elsewhere; they say that Denver is just the place for you!

Here they will tell you if it is not best that you stay. So don't worry about that. Be sure that I'll be careful. – I am feeling much better than I did when I came, but my strength is still low. It surely was fortunate that I went to Dr. Wallace when I did. Up till that time I had done too much, and am paying for it now. However, with the treatment here, I shall soon be no worse for it, except that I'll have had just that bit more of experience. – I have been running temperature for about a month now. But it is gradually coming down. Sunday it did not rise above normal, but last night it was up a bit. It will soon be running at normal regularly. My pulse is good.

Dec 13-21

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The Dr. has said nothing about my temperature, except that it indicates a slight poisoning from my lungs! If it were seven my fever would be much higher – after nearly two years of this I don't need a doctor to tell me that! –

Dear Mother: – 6:00 p.m. + no more chance to write today. Will hurry this into the mail + finish answering tomorrow. – My last day at the age of 28! Hope Minnie is better by now. Best of love + kisses to all.

Ivan

Dec 13-1921

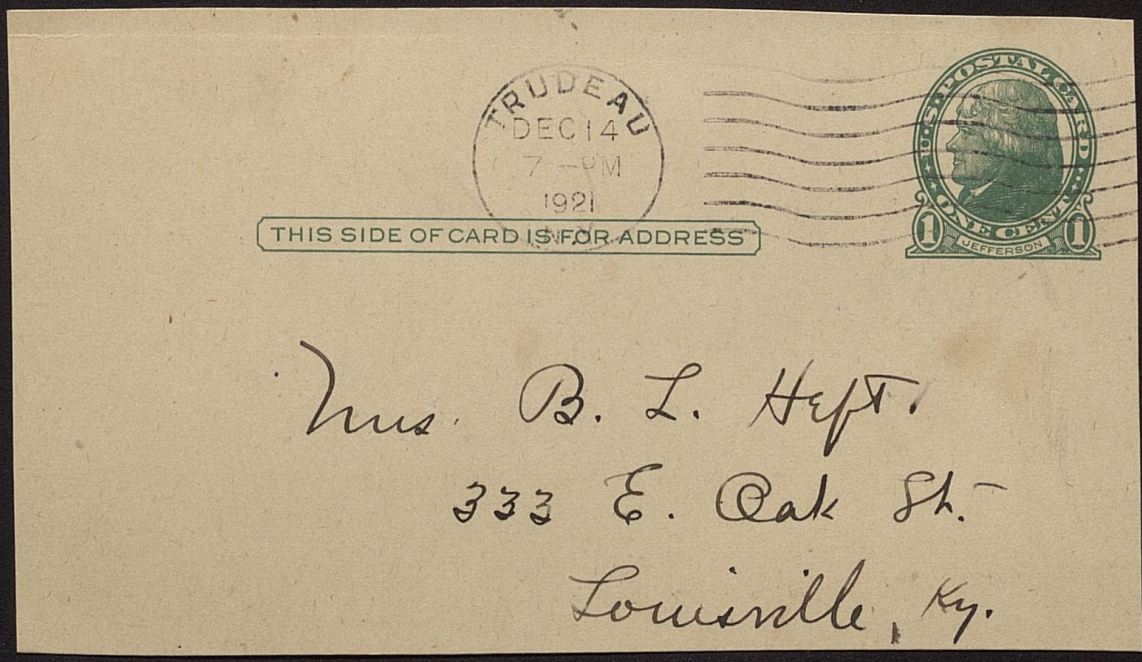
Dec 13-1921

Dec 14-1921

Dear Mother:-

Am moving today from the Reception Pavilion where new patients stay to another building, where I have permanent quarters. I will be much freer and better satisfied. Couldn't write today on account of tests & exams.

All love. Ivan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Dec 18-1921

Dear Mother:-

When I promised to write I had a sore mistake am from me of the tests they gave me. It is better now, although still a bit sore. My fever came back too, but will soon go down, I am sure. Yesterday the doctor told me that I had "practically no tuberculosis". That is, it is just about cleared up. I will write more as soon as I can. Best I love to all.

Lem.

Dec 18-1921

Rec-18-1921

Dear Mother:-

Dec 19-1921

It suddenly dawned on me today that I hadn't written my Xmas cards yet. I got them a week ago, but couldn't address them till now. So I took time off this evening and sent them. I am not sending many, and all but about two are post cards. So they wouldn't be much trouble after all. I am glad I have that job done - I haven't sent all, but will finish the rest tomorrow.

My arm is still a bit sore, and tomorrow I am to get another shot that will make it sore! Well, it's part of the game!

Will close this hurriedly.

All love-

Dan.

Dec 19-1921

Dec 19-1921

Dear brother:- Dec 21-1921

I hope that this letter will reach you on Xmas Eve or Xmas Day. For it is my Xmas message. In thinking over the Gospel for Xmas, one thought that struck me was that the song of the angels came in the night. It was then that the glory of the Lord was shed abroad, and dazzled the shepherds. Had it been in the day, the fullness of glory could not have been realized. Is it not so now? We are passing through a period of darkness, but the light will come, and to all the more glorious for the darkness. In His parable of the ten virgins, Jesus said that the bridegroom came at midnight, and so He will come in the darkest part of the night. Let us trust in Him. In Him be our faith. and then, being justified by our faith, let us have peace through our Saviour. "Peace on earth!" This is the angels' song.

"Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away,
In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they."

May grace, mercy and peace be to you all, from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

A heart full of love,

Ivan.

Dec 21-1921
A.M.

Dear mother:-

Dec 21-1921

I just have time for a line before supper & before the mail closes. Have been out in the air all day & it surely is getting cold. It is now from below & still sinking. a light snow is falling and things look pretty. I hope it doesn't get warm as it has several times in the winter past. I want a white Xmas. - I had the third of a certain series of these tests this morning. It is based on blood pressure & pulse, and my rating is very high. I think there is only one patient in the sanatorium who did better. The highest possible count is 18. Mine were 15, 14 & 11, with an average of 13. This test was used in the army & eight was considered excellent. Many patients here have only 2 or 3. So you see that in this test I did very well. & it is an indication that things are coming along nicely. Will write a Christmas letter tonight. All love to each & all.

Dean.

Dec 21 - 1921
a.m.

Xmas morn.
Dec 25-1921.

Dear mother:-

It is Xmas Day, and I have good news to send. Yesterday I was placed on exercise of an hour ~~twice~~ a day, ~~that~~ is, morning & afternoon! When I tell you that in Devon the most I had was about half an hour twice a day, and after I had this but a ~~short~~ time it was taken away. So you see, in spite of things, I am getting along nicely. Unfortunately this does not help my letter writing much, for I must be out doors just the same. We have only an hour out for meals, and the rest of the time we must be in our chairs, or on exercise if we have it. This morning I am breaking a rule and staying inside to write, but it is Xmas and they'll over look it! I had quite a bit of religion today. The organist for the Catholic services in the chapel here did not turn up and they asked me to play. I did so gladly. The priest preached a short sermon and it was as clear-cut a statement of the gospel as any could want. It is too bad ~~that~~ other parts of the service had to be such a hollow mockery & mumbling. Then there was a short Episcopal service & I went to ~~that~~. Then a sudden inspiration seized me to go in town to the Presbyterian Church and I did ~~that~~ too! I have just returned and have a few

minutes till dinner. — Your box from home came this morning. I opened it just a few minutes ago, and was compelled to run the risk of spoiling my appetite for dinner! No one could have resisted that, and I certainly couldn't. I managed to stop at four of them, but I can't guarantee their safety when I come back from dinner. — I am surely happy over getting exercise. It tells more plainly than anything else that I am getting along well. It is all right for the doctors to say that I am doing well, but this proves it. All this helps to make my Xmas more cheerful, and I only wish you had the news in time to help make your Xmas glad. However, this will simply prolong your Xmas when the news reaches you. — I do wish I were home, although we are having a nice time here. The weather is clear & crisp. The ground is covered with snow, and everything is white. The sun is shining for a change, and everybody seems to be happy. — How are the folks? Is Onemie better? Tell Buttie I'll answer his letter today & tell Sis I have something for her ear! Give all my love to my honies. I do wish I could see them and their dolls, and see them playing. And to you I send all love & kisses, and to each one at home. May the Father bless and keep you through our Saviour. Amen. Lovingly. Ivan.

P.S. — Got $25 from the Ladies through Mrs. Bercher & $50 from the Missionary Society of Lynn. Will write more soon. —

Dec 25-1921

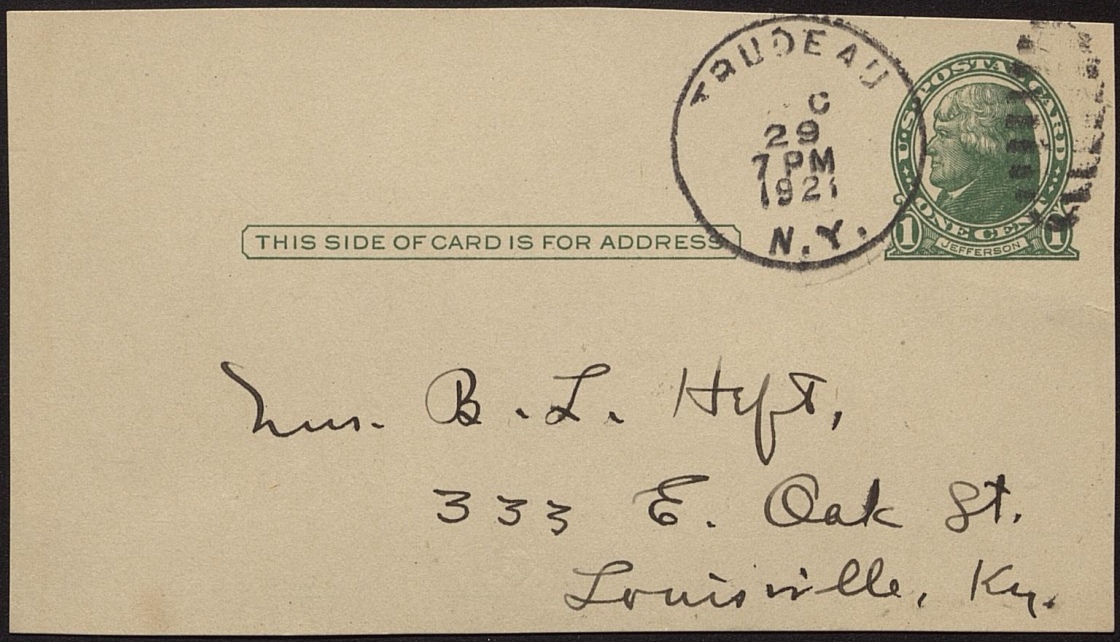
Dec 25-1921

Dear mother: Dec 29-1921

am getting
along pretty well. The
weather is quite cold
and as I am outside
so much I find it
hard to write. Don't
worry. all love.

Sam.

am still a bit sore &
have a slight temperature
Nothing to worry over.



Mrs. B. L. Hyst,

333 E. Oak St.

Louisville, Ky.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Just a little Christmas tree
but loaded down with good wishes
especially for you.

All love.

Ivan.

Dec 22/1921

Dec 31-1921

Dear brother:-

The last day in the old year! Soon 1921 will be a thing of the past - the one full year of my life in which I didn't do anything! I'm certain 1922 won't be like it, and I'm equally certain this will be the last! - Your letter came today. I was so glad the children had a good time, but I was sure they would. It was so nice of Miss Helen to give them the party. I just wish I could have seen them when they came back. I can just see their eyes grow big as they told of the time they had. - The news about Uncle Carl's is a surprise. How is he? How does he look? Give me his address & I'll drop him a line. - You ask about the tests. All have been very favorable. I haven't heard much in detail except that. As to my ever getting well, not only is it certain that I shall get well but they have a hard time locating any trouble with me now. The only way they can tell there is anything wrong is through my fever, loss of weight, etc.

and these symptoms are stopping. As to the rest treatment, I am still as it with the exception that I have a walk of an hour in the morning & again in the afternoon. The rest of the time I must rest. The walks tire me, but they are doing me good. I can see that already. — It is near bedtime & I'll close. All love & kisses to you & Mamie, to Buttie & Sis, and to Dode & Ruthie. And all good wishes for the new year. May our Father give you all grace, mercy, and peace, through our Blessed Saviour. Amen. Joan

Dec 31-1921

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