Geneva, Nov.10,1957.

Dear Mother,

This has been the first gray wet Sunday we have had for a long time. I thought I would get a lot of work done and have not done too bad considering that I had some unexpected change in plans.

I went to church and after church the Clarks asked me to come home to dinner with them as they had some Canadian cousins visiting them. The cousins were a young psychiatrist and his wife who have been in England for a year and are now on their way back home to Montreal. They were very nice and the dinner--chicken with dressing--was delicious. After I came back I read a while and since have been wrapping a few Xmas parcels. I shall tell you what they are.

I have done up a parcel for Eleanor which includes a nice Swiss tea-cloth. When she commented on the gift I sent to Anita and Angus I thought she indicated that she would like to have one herself. This one is not quite so nice and I hope she likes the color. It is rose. I included also a little Swiss dress for the grand-daughter. That is all I am sending them. I have a little Swiss calendar for Mert. I am also putting one in the mail for you. I had two very nice handkerchiefs which I have wrapped for Miss Cavers. I have a desk-calendar for Ruth Morrison and put a little hanky in an envelope for her Mother. Somebody gave me two very nice tea-cloths but the color clashes with my kitchen so I have addressed them to Frieda. I think that will be the extent of my parcels home. Oh, I shall send a box of chocolates to Mrs. Caird for the house. Will that be acceptable do you think or should I send something else? I wish you would take one of the $10 cheques I sent you last week and buy yourself something for Xmas. I do not know what to send you from here or what you need.

I shall try to write to Eleanor this week . I hope she takes it easy after she is home. Yes, I shall send more money before I go to Africa. Perhaps the exchange will come down a little by January. I do not spend everything as I go so do not worry. My furniture has been quite an investment this year but that is all paid for now so I should save a lot more. The cost of living has gone up considerably here the past year. If the pension is increased it will only be fair if Mrs. Caird asks for a little more. After all the increase is given because the cost of food etc. has increased. So please do not say anything if that happens.

Glad you were at dinner at Hazel's. Who was your partner at cards? What does Graham plan to study--electrical engineering? Do you think Billie and Mrs. MacLeod will hit it off? Perhaps Billie will have a trip to England.

I hope you do not have any further bother with the twine. Do not worry if you do not get it. Perhaps when I come home I can find some for you.

I had three people in for dinner last night and then six more for dessert and coffee and to see some pictures. Dr. Lin, from Formosa and with whom Lorna Horwood will be working, is here for a week. He had some nice pictures taken in various countries of Europe which all enjoyed. The other dinner guests were Dr, James MacIntosh of England and Dr. Maria Pfister who is on our staff. We had a nice time but it was rather late so I am going to be in bed by 9 P.M.

Dr. Mary Cross is here from Birmingham this week and she insists on taking me out for dinner ~~last~~ tomorrow night. She says that the last two times she has been here I have entertained her but I do not remember. She is a specialist in premature babies.

On Tuesday night I am going to a church social evening., Have no idea what it will be like or how many go but will tell you about it in my next letter.

I am going to try to finish my Xmas cards this week. They should be mailed to Canada by next week end if they are to arrive on time.

Hope the weather is still fine and that you are well,

Love,

Hazel