

Geneva, March 22, 1958.

Dear Mother,

At last I have a little order in my apartment and am now settling down to answer some of the many letters that have accumulated. Yesterday I stuck to office work and got the pile of reading material there a little smaller. There is going to be a lot to do before I leave for home. I will soon have to get some reservations. Not only by air but in Vancouver. I shall write to the Kamlo this week but I have a feeling that they may be booked. Perhaps I shall have to go to the Sylvia for a week and look around after I get home. There are lots of auto courts near Vancouver now and maybe that would be a good thing. As I shall be hiring a car as usual.

It turned colder here very suddenly just before I returned and I certainly have noticed the difference. I cannot have my window open at night or I wake up with a sore throat. It is cold but sunny to-day. I thought it best not to go out to church and get chilled. Perhaps I can avoid the cold which so many seem to have or have had here.

We have four nurses here now and I have invited them in for a light supper together with Elizabeth and Marty. Have just tried to make some ice-cream in the fridge. ~~H~~ Have not made any before but it is much cheaper than buying it here. I am looking forward to the cottage cheese when I get home.

Eleanor Graham stayed in my apartment when she was here. She left a little note and said that she and her mother and you had tea. You did not tell me. She marvelled at how you remembered people and events and thought you looked very well.

I had a very nice letter from Gertrude Will's daughter. Frieda always spoke very nicely of her. She told me about the family and has sent pictures. I shall take the letter and the pictures home with me. She said her mother is well--has sold the big car they had and has bought a little one and is learning to drive. Hopes to drive to N.S. in the summer. Sadie will probably have a new lease on life.

I found also a nice letter from Mary Smith thanking me for the dress I sent to the baby. When you see or speak to Eleanor or Mary please tell them. I shall not have ~~ti~~ time to write now. There was also a note from Mrs Caird. I am glad she liked the chocolates. And a note from Mabel acknowledging my Xmas card. She spoke of you being out at New Year's (the note was written Jan. 26) and wished you could come out more often.

The last letter I have from you is dated March 12th. I think I told you I turned down the invitation to speak at the Canadian Public Health Association. I would not have any time to prepare a speech before leaving here and I certainly do not intend taking time from my rest at home to do so. However I do want to attend the meetings. I have also a letter at the office from Miss Wright written some time ago and asking if I would go to the meetings of the Association at Victoria. I think ~~th~~ they come the latter few days of May. I will write and say that I cannot make any promises and I am not to be on the programme. However I was wondering if you would like to go to Victoria. If you would I will go and will attend some of the meetings. Is Mrs Faulker there now? You refer to seeing her in Vancouver occasionally. Let me know what you think about it.

Among my mail here there was a nice jar of marmalade from Jessie Bierman who was here with us but is now back in California. Also a small Xmas cake from some American nurse I entertained. I am going to have the cake with the ice cream to-night. So now I must send two thank you notes to them if I don't write any more to-day.

There were three MacLeans here. I note in one reference to an article by Dr. Chisholm. Apparently in December. I did not get that one--if you still have it keep it for me.

I hope your weather is still good and that you are well,

Love,

Lyle