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talking to Miss Paulson and some of the others who had been at the meeting. They all seemed to feel that you had made an outstanding contribution to the discussion although one or two seemed to feel that a special meeting in 1953 would have been advisable. Personally I don't think it would have been justified and a two-year cooling off won't do anybody any harm.

There is just a possibility that I may visit some of my old stamping grounds of happy memory some time this autumn. I am going to Johns Hopkins early in October if all goes well in order to put a few finishing touches on my MSS before the publishers get their claws on it and plan to come home via Montreal. So prepare for a meeting of the Creative Minority.

In the meantime, affectionate regards

E. Johns

Had a very cheerful message over the telephone from Marion Lindeburgh when she passed through Vancouver recently although I didn't see her. I hear that the nurses in Victoria have found a nice little apartment for her so that she can be independent and yet have a watchful eye kept over her by her sister.