Owego, 10/12/58

Dear Lily;

We just got in here from Ithaca, a most beautiful drive with the leaves on the trees at the very top of their splendour. All agree there will not be another day more brilliant. How I wish you could have been along.

Last night was a very cold, blustery, windy, rainy affair. On afruval at the airport in Ithaca it was rainy and cold. The Methodist Men were having a chicken barbecue at the ned of the lake and the previous days had been perfect and all expected a beaitufl evening. But it it was terribly cold; wonderful food, however, and about 600 meals sold

This morning it turned clear and the sun came out and it was perfect. There was a filled church, about 800 present, and I had a fine time and I believe much good will come out of it.

Lyster and Marion xxx were there and I met her sister, a member of the church. We drove all through the very beautiful Cornell cmapus and home down one of the prettiest valleys I have seen.

It is now 5;15 and I will get this in the mail to Binghamton and it will go out of there on tomorrow's plane. Sorry to be so poor in connections.

Dr. Budd's wife is a daughter of Bishop Leonard and has been around a lot and we had pleasant conversation. Budd himself is a fine man too.

I will be back there tomorrow or rather Tuesday night meeting with some of the student groups. The new Methldist student pastor is a xxx man I read about in the Christian Century; he was student leader at Louisianna State Univ. and with others of the staff at the Univ. signed a protest against certain segregation legislation. The legislature got upset when they found 66 signers from the campus. The Univ. had to "clean it up" and this pastor was the lmab that was sacrificed. Cornell seems happy to have him.

The Hings both seem well and happy; their children are all well and we have exhcnaged children reports, etc.

Must stop and get this in. Hope all goes well, - but I wish I were there. I certainly do miss you.

X

As ever,

Reed

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Owego, 10/13/58

Dear Lily;

Had a good meeting last night here at the local church. They do not have night meetings but had what they considered a large corwd, about 125, and things went well. I met several vary interesting people.

Today is a holiday, Columbus Day, and Lyster took me to see folks in Corning and Elmira, and we just got back about 2 PM. It has been a rainy day but the weather man promises clearing and as I look out I saw blue sky for the first time.

The leaves here are mangificent in their coloring and the drive this morning along the Susquehanna River valley was a picture indeed. Actually if one painted such an array of colors, it would be doubted.

I will be here tonight and back to Ithaca tomorrow by bus, spend the night there with the Budds, for a meeting with the college group who want to see me. Then I shall go on Wednesday to either Syracuse or Rochester by bus and from there on to Buffalo arriving there by Saturday afternoon.

Will certainly be happy to get to Buffalo and hope to have mail from you there. It is impossible for you to catch me on this first part of the trip, I know, but I am hoping for letters later of course.

Must get this off. Folks here are well and seemingly happy in their work; their children are well.

Yours, as ever,

Pearl

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Oct. 16, 1958

Dear Lily:

I felt as if I should phone you last night, as I have usually done so on Wednesday but on the other hand I realized that I had better make it about a week apart, and I had left only last Friday, but it seems as if it must be two weeks. If possible, I shall phone tonight from Rochester.

The all day District meeting here starts out this morning with the WSCS then the business end of the district at 2 PM when I will speak. There is a speech by Dr. Gould, the man responsible for our work in Alaska, and in the evening a big dinner sponsored by the laymen at which Gould speaks again.

The DS seemed happy that I was here to give some indication of a world situation in which we are living. I am glad too. I do not believe the DWM ought to let such opportunities go by. It may be that they try to cover such meetings but haven't the personnel available, but we actually have more availble than the DNM.

I am enclosing a news report of the speech given by Dr. Gloria Wymer, Sec. of the Inter. Miss. Council, last night here. I thought you would be interested in what she said, - nothing particularly new.

The other enclosure gives in fairly good detail the extent of the "Commune" system being put into effect in China. It is the most complete national control system, both for indoctrination and productive effectivenesss any nation has ever attempted, as far as I know. It is a very frightening thing.

I will hold this until Rochester if possible and may add more then, but if I seem to be too much delayed, I'll mail it here where there is good air connections out. I leave here at 4;05 for Rochester, reaching there at 6;30.

Then the next day, Saturday to Buffalo and letters. I'll begin to live again!

As ever, with love,

Bruce

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10/17/58

Dear Lily:

I am not in favor of this longer week; it must be more than 7 days since I left. But if anything helps to shorten the time, it is a letter from you and a phone call.

It was good to hear you last night and to learn that all goes along about as usual. My conscience certainly hurts me for being away and thus ending the Damerel program. I still feel that is wrong.

Shortly after you talked I went to bed, it was 10;30 here, and we had terribly thunder and lightning and downpours. It had poured for a short time as I came in on the bus from Syracuse.

Today is bright and clear and sunny, about 75 degrees. It had been over 80 here; in fact as I read the papers it is hot everywhere.

I had a good time yesterday at the Syracuse District conference, speaking at the luncheon, and then again at the beginning of the afternoon session. Bishop Leeden was at the luncheon and was most cordial and friendly.

On arrival here, after getting settled and eating, I went to call on a couple who started their giving back in Harry Caldwell's day for support of the Lungtien High School. I had no idea what they were like or their situation.

They were overwhelmed and appreciative. She has had some heart trouble and had gotten to bed but I talked there with them. He had been for years one of the head men at the Grace Church here, S.S. Supt, chairman of Board of Trustees, etc. They are getting up in years but both are keenly alive to the world picture.

This morning I have called on two of the pastors, both large, strong and active churches, and had a good time there, hoping it will produce something but each is tied up in local projects, etc.

A little while ago I phoned Ed Hoffmeister, whom you recall as one of my fine helpers at Hopkins in the Y. He got his Ph.D. in geology and taught for years here at the Univ. of Roch. and was for some time dean of the

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Liberal Arts College, but has since resigned and gone back as prof. of geology. I imagine it was getting to heavy a job for him.

He was out but his wife recognized me and said Ed would be in soon so I am now waiting for a call from him and shall hope to get out to his home for a short visit.

On to Buffalo tomorrow and then letters from you and other mail. I do not yet know whether I shall be staying in a hotel for those 5 days or with members. I hope it is a hotel for such a long period, a bit of privacy and independce is appreciated.

In Syracuse I got into a jam at the hotel, they said I could remain only 1 night because 5,000 people were due in town for the N.Y. State Dairymen Convention, but I stayed where I was and did not peep.

Here on arrival last night I was told there was not a vacant place in town, but if I would take a sample room (where salesmen display their wares) I could be comfortble. It has a bed, a bath, etc. all present but it is in a large room, with display tables all around - suits me fine, to spread out things.

Three conventions on here now, the largest is the N.Y. State Librarians' Convention.

Same old story, - love as always,

Irene

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Dear Lily:

Am just back from a most interesting evening with Ed Hoffmeister, dinner at the University Club. He looks fine and is apparently well, not yet 60.

Has had an interesting life of teaching and research, specializing and writing inmicrobe paleontology, - that is, he claims to be able to take almost any rock, dirt, etc. and refine it and under high misroscope find the organizms that tell the age of the substance.

He has worked chiefly on coral and has spent much time in many of the South Sea islands, and at the beginning of the war was taken to Washington to help prepare for landings, so many of which were on coral shores.

He said they showed him in Washington all they had on coral and he told them if that was all they knew and had, they were about as bad off as he was for he had written most of what they had.

He was one of three geologists at the first Bikini tests, and apparently is still consulted on many of the projects of our scientific world. He knows the Dubridge family well, the head of Cal Tec, he says that Dubridge took over his job here at the Univ. when he resigned from dean. Ed has been in this one school since he graduated from Hopkins, and as dean for many years, and his seniority here, he is apparently highly thought of. This is a highly endowmed private university with something like $125,000,000 of endowment.

He knoww all about ICU, and is interested, as a Presbyterian, is a close friend of the Sibleys, wanted to take me out to see them but I felt the hour was too late for such a call. He says there are 2 ICU grads here for graduate work.

On the other hand, Ed is still the friendly, unassuming man whom I so much admired in JHU when we worked together in the YMCA. It was a joy for sure to have this evening together.

More tomorrow, - now to bed and leaving here about 11 tomorrow morning for Buffalo. Weather has cleared off beautifully and it is to be cooler tomorrow, about 60, they say, so I hope I will have good weather for my stay there.

Goodnight, and sweet dreams. I'd like to be in them!!

Yours as always,

Isaac

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10/18/58

Dear Lily:

I have found my second wife, - or possibly a concubine. Lo and behold, as I happened to turn my suitcase upsidedown what fell out but the Chinese ear pick. I had gone over both suitcases, in every corner and pocket, and could have vowed it was not there. I had been sure that was where it was, yet could not find it, and here it drops out in a hotel.

Frankly I did feel lost without it at times, as my ears clog up and I have found nothing that does the job as it does. I shall certaibly try to keep better track of it from now on. Glad also that I did not ask Ralph Ward to send me one.

Off in a few minutes for Buffalo. It is beautiful weather again. Last night the moon was brilliant, not a cloud in the sky, but all of a sudden, a heavy driving rain came down, and then all brilliant again. Funny weather. So far the clothes I brought are right. The wash shirts are standing up perfectly. In no time, by saving on laundry, I will have paid for the purchase of the shirts. I do not see why any woman hereafter should iron shirts. I guess one has to use up old shirts, but when they are gone, I can foresee no more shirt ironing.

Till later.

4;30 PM

Had a good trip by bus, pretty country side. Assoc. pastor picked me up and brought me to a motel, about 100 rooms, on the road toward Niagara Falls; it is very nice, and I can be very comfortable and I hope also get some work done.

It is Kenton Manor Court, 2075 Sheridan Drive, Buffalo 23, N.Y. The phone,if you should need it, is Riverside 9800. I shall be here until the morning of Thursday, the 23rd, so probably you might catch me here better than at the church. I'll leave forwarding address of course, if any comes later.

Am going out with pastor to dinner but must get this word off to you, - 3-4 letters here from you, from Ithaca and Owego. THANKS. I'll write later on any matters that need an answer, - just want to thank you and get this off. Hope Hunnecut's program will help.

Yours always .

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Sunday the 19th 58

Dear Lily:

Just a hurried note. Had a fine time at the two services. beautiful sanctuary, ushers in cut-away, etc. But otherwise, very informal and friendly.

Dinner with lay leader and his family, back here for a bit of rest, and work on talk, a bit of rest, shave, and now a word to you.

A college student is to pick me up in a few minutes, having supper with them, and then speaking tonight to the combined groups, from junior hi to all ages of adults.

Beautiful crisp fall day but not too cold, brilliant sun, which brought a good sized crowd to services. I do not know what to expect tonight.

Tomorrow at Kenmore Rotary, Knemore is suburb here, large Methodist Church, which has supported ICU, so I am inviting the pastor, a new one, as my guest to Rotary, if I can find tonight that he is not a Rotarian. Will visit him later.

Must go. Same story. Love as ever,

Peace

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10/20/58

Dear Lily:

Had a good day yesterday. Had supper with the college group (University of Buffalo is here), then spoke at 7 to the total group, young and old, then to a get-together of the "Marry-Go-Round" group, married folks, who go round together. Had ice cream and straberries, coffee, and answered lots of questions.

The pastor brought me home and he, his wife and I sat and talked till after 10 here in the motel. Then saw What's My Line and sleep until about 8 this A.M. Picked soon now for Rotary, and this afternoon visiting some, and dinner at the home of one of the couples, some 20 guests, and more questions.

Now for questions in your letters. Thanks for note of Sp. Acct deposit $203.97, do not need slip. I have replied to the company asking for bank balances as of certain date, telling them I am away from my books and if they send the letter to me later, I'll reply. What they will do is to disregard my letters and send to someone else. This is merely a spot check adutiors make.

No, do not send the Am. Fdtn News material. Nor the list of missionaries on furlough. It comes monthly and I checked on the last one before I left. It is good to have on hand.

Was glad to learn that you had a happy time with the 6 ladies for tea, and apparently from what you say, you have gotten lots of the boards in the yard. Were they all right, the kind you needed?

Hope for rains and a let up in the fires. Papers back here must have played the recent fires up as many people ask about them.

Here in this motel in addition to the regular copy of the Bible which is always present, through the work of the Gideons, there is also a copy of the Upper Room, put here by the WSCS of the Kenmore Meth. Ch. That is a real service.

I shall check downtown today on rail trip, still am expecting to leave here on Thursday afternoon, arrive in ~~Washington~~ NY on Friday morning, spend the day there, and in the afternoon on down to Washington and there for Sunday morning service at Asbury Church, then up to Wilmington for Sunday P.M. spend night there, visit on Monday morning, and down to Dunnings either Monday night or Tuesday. So you can send mail on that schedule.

Possibly more later.

Yours,

Waiting for Rotary pickup. You recall the book I brought along with me, Nature of the Non-Western World by Mrs. Vera Dean? Well I learned an interesting background on it. Ed. Hoffmeister when dean at Un. of Roch. felt the great need of giving our students an understanding of the other world and set up this course with Mrs. Dean as prof, and this book is an outgrowth of that course; he says many schools have come to find their approach, etc. Apparently he has done much along these lines.

EPH

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10/21 58

Dear Lily:

Had a fine time yesterday at Kenmore Rotary; today at Tonawanda. When Dr. Crawford came to pick me up, he brought your letter of Friday with enclosures checks, etc. Thanks; the checks are all off to N.Y. and will get to thanking the donors soon. Glad for the news.

At Rotary, one of the key men of the Meth. Ch. here (who was out of town when I spoke) was interested; he is the N.Y.State Dist. manager of Westinghouse who have the contract for the tremendous installations at Niagara Falls for some of the world's largest turbines.

He asked if I had seen the Falls and when I replied not for 30 some years, he said he would take the afternoon off and I had a marvelous directed tour; he knew just where to go to see everything and it was a very fascinating picture he was able to give of the Lakes, the Falls, industry, etc.

He is chairman of the Finance Committee of the church and we had a chance to talk out some of the problems. This church has played with missions for years but I am thrilled at the response from many of the leading men; they will do something in days ahead, I am sure.

Last night the dinner at one of the homes we had dinner, 20 were present, a turkey dinner, buffet style, and they stayed asking questions until after 10. Very interesting group. One man is a rocket scientist, friend of many at Cal Tech, often gets there; his wife was born and educated in Balto. Goucher, etc.

One of the results of Sunday morning came as I dropped hint, and 2 ladies sent in a check for $500 for church in Borneo. I am going in a few minutes to vist them and thank them.

Weather holds up beautifully. Yesterday at the Falls it was perfect, the host said he had never visited there with finer weather. It was about 70, bright sun, the rainbow was perfect. Today it is to warm up a bit, and showers possibly tomorrow, but I have certainly been lucky so far.

No other special news. I will not be able to call you this Thursday, as I will be on the train, to N.Y. If possible I will shift tomorrow night back to the old schedule of Wednesday night. They are still on daylite saving here, so to get you about 6 PM I must phone at 10, 4 hours difference.

Crawford is here, to pick me up. As ever,

Reed

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10/22/58

DearLily:

Had a good time yesterday too. Spoke at an appreciative Rotary in Towawanda. Last night dinner at home of Dr. and Mrs. Kaminski.

He is a Polish Catholic, she is active in our church and her 4 children are in the church, and 3 are in childrens' choirs. He attends the Methodist Church at times. Some say he would join but in this overwhelmingly Catholic city, he would face real difficulties in securing hospital space as they control most hospitals.

He is a very interesting man, apparently highly regarded as gynecologist, and professor in the medical school of the Un. of Buf. They had one of the most attractive homes I have seen.

She is exceedingly attractive and capable, has done some of the finest ceramics I have seen, as well as painting. The four children were most normal as they met the guests and helped serve at the table, the older girl sat and talked with the group later as the others went on up to bed. There was evidence of a really disciplined, but friendly and happy, spirit everywhere. It was a refreshing evening.

Today at noon, a luncheon in the Buffalo Club given by one of the leading members, an industrialist, just retired, but still active in many boards; he is the chairman of the official board of the church, I believe.

He has invited in some of his friends,men of the same comparable standing in the business world, so it may very well be the most important group with whom I meet.

Tonight closes my contact with the church in a church dinner. This church has been way down in its benevolences but the spirit of the people is ready and as they build anew, it will really accomplish something for missions. I am not seeking any special help, merely trying to stress the total world picture and how we must do more. The response has been most gratifying.

As I see it, I shall be holding to the schedule I wrote you, namely, leave here tomorrow afternoon, after the Buffalo Rotary meeting, arrive in N.Y. Friday morning, spend the day at the office, and down to Washington on Friday, at Beth's Sat. night, speak at Francis Asbury Church, Washington, on Sunday morning, to Wilmington for Sun. evening service, spend the night in Wilmington, with the Hygates, and to Baltimore, Dunnings, either Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

Hope for a letter today. As ever,

Peace

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Dear Lily:

Just back from meeting at Buffalo Club; it is a swanky place, center of life for many prominent people. Mr. Charles Pearson, a retired man of means, some call him a millionaire, chairman of Bd. of Trustees of Central Park Church, invited the 25 men as his guest.

He later told the pastor that he had 4 engagements for tonight but had cancelled the other 3 and was coming for the church dinner. That made me feel as if I had somehow clicked with him.

Later the pastor told me that Pearson had told him that his getting me here for these engagements (11 meetings in all) is the finest thing he has done in his 1½ years in the pastorate. He said he felt it would waken up the church. That is what I came for, for I had been told it could do so much and was doing so little.

It has rained some today, but not too bad so I am getting a tase of all they have, except the snow which I can do without.

Dr. Lambert came to pick me up for the meeting and he brought 2 letters from you, I am always so happy when I see that handwriting. One of the checks for $500. says $500 in figures and "five" as it is written out. I'll have to return it to Miss Guthrie.

Just got confirmation for my pullman to NY so, will hold to schedule on that. It is a fairly slow train, but I have a roomette and can read and loaf, and get into N.Y. in the morning Firday in time to shave, eat, etc. and get to office for a day's work.

These shirts I bought are really remarkable in the way they hold up. I wash one every night, sometimes wear two a day, if I have gotten it dirty. They look to me just as they did at first. The pastor said he went to Europe and back with just 2 shirts, but they were the earlier kind - nylon.

This kind of shirt really ought to mean much to women who iron for their husbands. I can pay entirely for these 3 shirts on this trip by what I save in laundry. Laundry, away from home, averages at least $.30 per shirt, and I have at least 7 per week.

Will mail this tomorrow after my meeting tonight which ends my church engagements. The date at Buffalo Rotary tomorrow is interesting. I was originally only to be presented, as they have had a speaker booked for a long time. But the President of the Club told Dr. Lambert that they had so many calls from the other two clubs where I have spoken, that he is cutting out some of the program to put me on for 10 minutes or so. It is a club of about 400, so it ought to be interesting.

Sweet dreams! So glad you could get to the various functions. I certainly wish you could get out to hear Frank C.

As ever, Reece

The .30 were coins not old but of an issue of limited number, and therefore harder to get. Just save them.

Later, back from the church dinner.

Rains poured down, really hard but the crowd was fine indeed, and everything went well and many of the men said they must get under the load. Nothing will devlopé here, I am sure of that.

One man whose son had been in service in Korea and took pictures in Hongkong brought these snaps of H.K. thinking I would be interested.

Off to bed and out at 8;15 tomorrow for breakfast with associate pastor, then down town to see several more people, Rotary, and train for N. Y.

Yours,

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Washington, D. C.
10/24/58

Dear Lily:

Here I am at Beth's, they are out for supper, I had told them I did not expect to be here until late but I met with bad luck in N.Y. in that nearly everyone was away, I decided to come on down and got here at the house about 8 P.M.

Actually I find it is only 7 as all N.Y. State was on daylite but here it is back to standard; everything goes on standard on Sunday.

I am using my new typewriter, a new and it seems to me a more substantial "Baby Hermes"; it works well. Makes as many mistakes as did the last one but I can't blame the machine for that.

It was certainly good to talk to you again. I was sorry to miss the date Wednesday night but just could not make it, and last night was on the train. It is always wonderful to hear your voice. It always does something to me, - besides making me more homesick.

I will not write much now but hurry to get out and mail this so that you will have a word from me anyway. No mail here. I won't get the letter you mailed to N.Y. until I go back there for my date on Nov. 3rd.

Will hope for one at Waugh's when I get there, from Wilmington, either on Monday night or Tuesday morning.

No special news. Was really happy over the spirit created at Buffalo and that is the thing I am working for, - and living for, - to help enlist men and women in the world message of Christ.

John was here when I arrived, says all are well. Betty is down at Univ. of N. Car. I'll hear the story later.

Goodnight, and sweet dreams. Till I can share them, ever yours,

Peace

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Beth's, 10/25 58

Dear Lily:

Last night folks did not get home till about 3, so I had gone to bed at midnite, as John came in. They all seem well. Beth says Ed is working very hard, long hours, but he says his past troubles seem to have cleared up.

John is doing well in school, has grown a lot and developed into a very fine looking boy. He is much more co operative and has grown up in every way, spends about 3 hours a day on study.

Betty is at Univ. of N. Car. and seems happy, taking course in art. Beth says she admitted that she studied only an average of 1 hour a day at Mt. Holyoke, and got mostly B average, but for some reason was very unhappy. My guess is that they do not want kids who are merely playing, but Beth says they wanted her back.

A couple is coming in for the evening, from down in N. Car. near Ed's home; they are stationed at Aberdeen, where he is working in some field of physics for the army.

I am not trying to visit anyone today, but just taking it easy, writing many letters, but not running, and meeting people. I feel as if the past week has been rather strenuous and I am listening to my wife and letting up a bit.

I will go out now mail this, and some other letters written. I have written Ralph Ward concerning an a nuity he wished information on, and told him you had forwarded his letter to me. Tracey Jones was not in the NY office yesterday, but his letter says they are putting the 2 Hongkong churches and Soochow Univ. high in priority and that he wants to offer his help. I hope he can put me in touch with worthwhile individuals to see.

No news, except that 2 weeks and 2 days have been a mightly long time to be separated. How tempted I am to get that car and have you come on, and take our time, driving back home. It would be foolish but one cant help dreaming. If not now, then surely we ought to try it in March and April, with better weather, and that is on southern route, and also the new Chevy would have been tried out more. Of course I do not even know what ARTHUR would be able to on a new car. I'll see him, for general visit, next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Take care of your self and use that gadget if it seems to be helping.

As ever,

Frank

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Sunday, 10/26/58

Dear Lily:

Waiting for breakfast, just a few words. Schedule is now clear for awhile, and you can tell where to write me.

I will be back from Wilmington at Dunnings this Tuesday, the 28th and will be there until Friday or Saturday when I will be at Beth's. I will preach for Clarkson Banes on Sunday morning and go to N.Y. Sunday afternoon for the day, Monday, the 3rd. in the office.

I will be back at Beth's on Tuesday the 4th, election day and from there on can not yet give schedule, but will be starting south by the 5th.

So. to sum up, for mail. Till, or thru, Friday the 31st send to Waugh's; then to Beth's thru Nov. 4th.

Weather is nice and mild here; it is to be cooler tomorrow, but so far, it has been a mild October they all agree. Grass and lawns are very green, but heavy downfall of leaves.

Must stop, have had breakfast and the pastor to pick me up is arriving. Go from his house after dinner to station and for Wilmington.

As ever,

Fine time at church today now at Union Station will get 3 pm train to Wilmington with time to shave + put on clean shirt.

Cooler now looks as if a cold rain in on its way.

Lots of love Pearce

JOHN BARTRAM HOTEL

BROAD STREET AT LOCUST · PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

10/27/58

Dear Lily:

Had a good time last night in Wilmington, spent the night at the home of the Hygates, a beautiful home in a beautiful residential area. Left there this morning after being taken down town by Mr. H. where I made a visit to one of the pastors, of Grace Church, large and rich. The pastor is actually making them face up to their responsibilities.

Then on up here. Had a call on the Masland Foundation this afternoon; they help ICU. One of the family, Mrs. J.Wesley, was treas. of WFMS for years, and on Hwa Nan board, was in Foochow.

Also called on Bp. Corosn but he was out, and several preachers I know, and also on Mary Liu, the crippled Chinese girl from Shanghai, in charge of the WSCS office here; Florence Smith is in charge of the conference program of childrens work, so I saw her too. Sent her greetings.

Am back at hotel, will soon go out for dinner; it is cold and raw here, fine mist feels as if it is changing for the worst.

In Wilmington today also called on 3 foundations, doubt if much comes of them, but it is worth knowing where they stand.

Will go down to Baltimore tomorrow about noon or so after a call on another Masland part of the family, who build the Masland Memorial Church in Sibu, Sarawak, and are interested in the developing Dyak program.

No other news. Will not be able to call you Wednesday night, I fear, as I will be at a meeting at Randallstown, unless I get back home in ~~town~~ time; will try.

Till them, as ever,

Peace

JOHN BARTRAM HOTEL

BROAD STREET AT LOCUST · PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

10/28/54

Dear Lily:

Last night, or afternoon rather, had a very pleasant visit with the Masland Foundation head, that is, the exceutive officer. He says Mrs. J.Wesley and Walter E. decide what to spend and he carried it out. Sorry to have missed Walter, but had a good talk over the phone with Mrs. M.

Also got straight who the other Mrs. Masland is; it is an interesting story. She is a widow, over 80, not too good health, whose husband met Jim Hoover way back in Centenary days and Hoovers after that experience when he and Mr. Masland were "minute men" in this area, always made Maslands their home in Philadelphia

This Mr. Masland before he died years ago gave money to build the Masland Memorial Church in Sibu, and this Mrs. Masland has helped some on the Dyak work. Mrs. J.W. Masland says she doubts if she can help much now as business has not been what it once was (rugs, carperts), but she suggested I go see her this morning anyway, and I'll phone and try to work it out.

Have a good sized wash done last night so am starting back to Waugh's clean and smelling sweet, I hope.

Possibly more later, but had better mail this in Philadelphia, as airmail to home will go out of here faster.

If I add no more, I close with the same story, -

As ever,

Reed

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150 FIFTH AVENUE **NEW YORK 11, N. Y.**

10/29/58

Dear Lily:

A hu ried note; a lady is coming for me soon to go to an oyster supper at Emmarts Church which has helped my work, and then on to Ward's Chapel where I speak at 7;30. Surely wish you could be in on it.

I called Nan last night; she was so interested in hearing all about you, and so sorry that you could not come along. I told her you would be here as you were able to get the neck cleared up more. I will not have a chance to see her.

Am just back from an hour with Arthur. He looks to me as if he has lost weight. Anna Mary was there for the first week and Patsy and her family since then, up till last night, as they moved back home, getting ready for the kids for Halloween.

I saw the brother-in-law can't recall name now, and asked about Arthur, got some leads. He says Arthur is so lonely; at first he could make adjustments with work and people around, but he says, and he told me too that so much of his life he has felt alone, and now again it is very real.

Jack, Patsy's husband, evidently had a spate with Bud, a growing unhappiness, and he left. But I f und today that Jack is back, and they say a much more cooperative kid. He had felt that he should have a comparable place with Bud, who has worked with the company, learning the business, taking hard knocks, etc. for 12 years, I believe.

Did not see Bud, he was out, will try to call him or Anna Mary, if possible.

I think sis in law - Brother Charles died

Arthur was very frank about Mary, said that he had not talked to others (somehow he has always seemed to share with me I and I appreciate it). He felt as he talked with her that she ought to do some work, for her own good, and offered to make a place for her in the office, half time, if she wished, with others her age, and status, which he felt would be the thing she would jump at. He said they could find the kind of thing she could do. She has not replied to him on it at all, but he had word indirectly from others that she plans to rent out room and with her social security at 62, carry on in the house. In that way, however, she will not get out much and meet people and she has lived so much to herself, it is unfortunate.

Arthur said he had been told that she has gone to Floraid for a trip. I think she wisely should get away for atime, but Arthur feels, that she may expect him to carry on just as he did with Charlie. He said, "I simply can not afford to put $100,000 in her as I did with him".

It is a very difficult situation. Arthur sais he has put the place on the market, but he has not made up his mind to sell, can't bring himself to it. He says if he could get some elderly woman, a professional housekeeper, who would not have any designs on him, that might permit him to continue there and entertain friends. Otherwise, he has felt possibly of trying to find some older man, as a companion. He just does not know what to do.

The car market is an added problem. Chevy Co. has just gotten back to work here yesterday. The big strike was settled over a month a om but local issues just settled. Orders for cars

but none on hand. He is also handling 7 makes of foreign cars and also two US small cars, the Rambler and the new Studebaker small car. He says it is a real experiment, he is not yet convinced of the small car.

Must go. Will try to phone tonight. Beautiful day here, perf ct blue sky, and 60 degrees just peppy enough.

LOVe, as ever,

One letter here, enclosing Ward's letter. Just hold the letter on Min. Credit Union, no hurry. It is in the large yellow manila envelope, along with the bank statements, etc.- in the envelope that has copy of wills, etc. was in bottom or top right hand drawer of desk. Glad for your letter and news.

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150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

10/30/58

Dear Lily:

Had a good time last night at the Randallstown Church, the lady whom I mentioned over the phone from Calvert is formerly Lillian Soper, now Mrs. Lialian Bockmiller (Mrs. W.Edward) 203 N. Beechwood Ave., Catonsville, members of the Methodist church there.

This morning went with Waugh out to his office. He has had tough sailing keeping his head above water, without selling property at a loss, is coming out now, and feels better days are ahead.

He is not happy, almost broken that Edward is planning to go into a five year course of study in architecture, probably at Syracuse Univ where he can work part time, and she can have a full time job.

My absentee ballot is here and I'll vote today. Mary had her Garden Club here this A.M. to map out how to decorate for Thanksgiving. Now she has luncheon for 8 for her bridge club. I am going to slip down and out for lunch and some more visiting.

It was good to talk last night. I was not conscious of being tired, the whole crowd was around, possibly that made a difference in my "enthusiasm".

Have not yet called Mary Anderson, and plan to this afternoon. I do not even know whether she is in town or not. But will try.

So glad to get your letter this morning, with both an AM and PM for Tuesday. Wish I could hear Frank; remember and tell me. Will write Redondo pastor. I said as I have said everywhere else that gifts are for Advance credit, not world service, but I can straighten it out with them, I am sure.

After my day in N.Y. on Monday and after getting the list of people to see on the southeast coast and southern states, I'll be able to give you better indication of when I'll be back. It c rtainly can't be too soon, I can say that.

Till then, as ever,

Vance

PS. The larger manila envelope contains just things to keep for me except that there is a picture of Betty Shaw you will like. It is from the Nat. Geog. book on dogs where she works in the summer and they took it there. It is good of her.

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10/31/58, Beth's

Dear Lily:

So glad to get your letter at Waugh's today before I left with news of "fallout" which papers here report, also of good job Mr. Schiffbauer did; he may be able to help considerably. Hope you have a good time with Frank.

Kids started on trick and treat about 4-5 ahead of time in Balto, Beth says none so far, they seem "better fed" here. Beth left at 3, driving up to Pr nceton with a couple from here, back Sunday P.M.

Le ter from Clay also came, am replying today. As far as any dates I have made, you might want to jot it down. Have made none for Nov. - Dec. until I know schedule. You can accept any, for it would be almost certain I can be there. For Jan. I will be at Inglewood, First Church, the P.M. of Jan.18th., and Jan. 11th A.M. at Clay's. I am to go up to N.Calif. sometime, possible in Dec. or Jan. to be worked out with Bishop Tippett, but can't frefuse a date for that uncertainty. So accept for Nov-Dec. but tell them Jan. is only tentative.

Called Anna Mary last night to say how efficient she had been and how much her father seemed to appreciate it, and also her letting us know, etc. She seemed surprised, but appreciated my calling.

Address of Miss Caroline L. Ziegler is 2704 N. Charles.

I'll be here alone tonight, as John is spending night with a friend. Better come see me! That dream I had of your coming on now and buying a car could not have worked out even if you had been completely well. Arthur does not have a single car for sale, only 3-4 for show, until they begin coming in. He seems to think a lot of the Rambler, the smaller car that is made in the USA and is having such a vogue.

Will spend Monday night at Waugh's coming down from NY, thus letting me pick up from Thelma about 50 letters her sister, Elva is doing and will have ready then. Over here Tuesday noon, and start off for the south probably Wednesday morning.

Mail here only for Tuesday the 4th. Will let you know from N.Y. what I shall be doing from 4th on.

Three weeks today, - and long ones, they seem to be elastic and stretch out. But till then,

As ever, Fred

These leaves are beautiful here, probably will lose color as they reach you. Odd shape? From Beth's yards

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Wash. 11/1/58

Dear Lily:

Really no news today; I was alone here last night, went to bed about 11 and got up at 8 this morning. Last night did a big laundry, this morning everything dried, folded and ready for the next wash.

Got my own breakfast here instead of going out, as Beth had things in the refrigerator. Same for lunch, will go out for a good dinner. John has been in and out and will be at a friend's tonight too.

Clarkson Banes comes for me at 10 in the morning, so I will have time to get ready in the morning, and my own breakfast. I will have dinner with them and then he will take me to the station for N.Y.

Back to Waugh's for Monday night, here Tuesday, and I hope to head south on Wednesday and that begins my trip back HOME and will I be happy at that turn west.

No mail. Made one visit in Silver Spring, but getting some work done here.

Out now for this mail and dinner. Watched a TV football game this afternoon which was good and close, Wisc. against Mich. State.

Till you see me, - as ever.

Tried many times to get Mary Anderson by phone, no answer, she must be away. Will try again on Tuesday morning. Tried Ed Bensons and the report was that it was temporarily disconnected, I suppose they have gone to Florida.

Thelma Skilling has been appointed "acting Treasurer" in Emmette's place till conference, as no one has authority till then. She seems to be the only one in line for it, and apparently can handle it, from what I have heard.

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Beth's - Sunday morning, 11/2

Dear Lily:

Have had my breakfast, bed made, suitcase about packed, waiting for Clarkson Banes who is coming to pick me up. Now a short word to you.

It is a mean day. After beautiful, unprecedented weather everyone says, it is raw and rainy; the paper predicts it will clear and be warmer again. I would like that to happen. Just a touch of rain keeps people away from church.

John was at a friend's last night so I was here again, but I have had a real chance for uninterrupted letter writing. But that job is never ended, it seems.

Election reports seem to indicate that the Republicans are in for real losses; I fear Democratic victories only mean more socialization of life, and more and more control by labor elements, which have proved they have plenty of corruption.

Today's paper, I guess yours too, has an article in the magazine section on having voting on major national issues on Sunday, as most of the nations do. The argument that it would get many more out is probably true, and it is also true that we ought to emphasize the moral side of the vote. The added angle is the suggestion that the counting be held over until Monday.

But the basic element in the lack of voting is not touched in such thinking, - namely the moral element of obligation to vote in a democracy, - the thing for which people over the world die for, - to secure such freedom.

It is the same kind of fallacy that one sees in so many cities, - riping out slums and building new, and attractive, public housing. All of which is fine, but it will be slums again soon unless there is moral rebirth in the individuals concerned.

No, that is mot my message for this morning.

Will not be able to see Gene Smith, as he is on a trip, in India now, I understand. Jim Mathews is in the office, - his appointment is a fine thing, someone with administrative authority on the job.

As I travel around in this area and hear men talking of the next bishops for this area, 3-4 new ones, Gene's name is often mentioned, and I believe he would be a good one, for he is an able speaker and a deep student, and always an inspiration, and has enuf administrative ability to handle it, especially if he were confined to one episcopal area.

So much for now. Till later,

As ever,

Lewis

over

at Un. Station waiting
for My. train
Had nice day with
Banes, good crowd
in spite of rain
They seem about
the same only she
is more Halkative
Lose
Pearce

11/4/58, Beth's

Dear Lily:

Just in from Baltimore. Fine to have your letter there last night on arrival from NY. At the bottom you wrote "25 to lunch tomorrow". I can't figure what it means unless for Cartwright's, I could not imagine you having that many for something I had not heard of. The letter must have been written earlier, last week.

The deposit of $150. in So.Pas. and also similar, as I recall in the Bank of Amer. in Pas. was from my monthly salary check. I thought you might need more in the account there. I hope you had a good time Sunday evening in spite of your "fears".

Now for my plans. I fly tomorrow morning to Miami, leave here at 11;40 at airport, that is A.M. and arrive there about 3;30 PM. I wrote from NY on post card that I was happy to be heading home, actually Miami must be about as far as I could get away from you in the USA.

I'll be there for 1-2 days seeing some key people, then, as far as I can see now, but I might change it because of air connections, etc. en route (and also a threatened air strike) to Piedmont, Ala., not too far from Anniston, Ala, west of Atlanta.

From there on west to Jackson, Miss., then to Monroe, La., then either to Dallas-Houston, or to Oklahoma City, and then home.

I'll call you tomorrow night from Miami and try to let you know more of plans. There are so many potential contacts in Florida I ought to stay for several weeks. If you were along, I would of course stay, provided you could take it.

But the main point of this letter is to welcome you to the "old folks" circle. How I wish I could be there to celebrate with you; I'll be thinking of you on the 6th of course and try to make up for the absence later. I hope we can have many of them, and together.

I tried many times to get Mary Anderson but clearly she must be away, although her phone was not disconnected.

Mary voted about 9 this morning and said already 400 had voted; there is every indication it is going to be a large vote, - democratic I fear.

Must get baggage rearranged, and some packages mailed back to Pas. I picked up more than 50 letters Elva Uppercue typed for me, following up contacts made in Buffalo.

I am sorry there is nothing you can do about mail, as I see it, for I do not know where I will be. The only chance would be % of Dr. G.W. Pomeroy, First Methodist Church, Monroe, La. I might get there by the 8th or 9th. If you write there, be sure to put on the envelope, "please hold for arrival about 8th or 9th".

I'll have to keep in touch by phone. It ought not to be too long now before I get back, unless I sense that I simply must remain in Florida for contacts that open up.

Take care of yourself; lots of love.

As ever, Pete

Beth's, 11/5/58

Dear Lily:

Have just finished breakfast and a specia delivery in from you. No time now to answer the questions you raise - and there are quite a few of them. On the whole, I agree with most of the views you give about the whole missionary program and approach.

You ask about money coming in. The Board in general expects money to go direct to them instead of to the missionary, and I have urged in nearly all my letters, that is, the printed letter, that it be sent there and not to me.

Personal friends still send to me but most of my gifts I would guess, go direct to N.Y. Where they are from the Balto. or So.Calif. Conference I can check on them. Miss Clarkson in NY is now helping me check on others.

For example, not a letter or check has come to me as a result of that letter I wrote to Iowa conferences on behalf of the Kowloon church, - to those churches which their bishop had reported as having put in air conditioning. But some gifts, replies from these letters, are now coming into N.Y. I checked with Miss Clarkson, frankly did not expect them to show up there yet, as it takes often 2 months to get from local church on through the channels and to NY.

Mary Dunning just called said that when they got home last night, found a special delivery from you and she did not know what to do about it. Only thing I could think of was to tell her to send it to Dr. Pomeroy, Monroe, La. I'll ask you tonight when I phone what it contained.

I SURELY DO APPRECIATE the way you carry on this business end of the work for me. But the biggest thanks goes for the personal messages, - YOU coming through the pages, that is the big thing I want.

My plane leaves Washington at 11;40 so I will leave downtown at 11, leave here about 10;15. Have to shave now, and pack in the last minute things.

Yes, I am glad that you did not come on at this particular time; there are the problems you mention of staying at Arthur's, etc. I would hate to have any of the family feel you were trying to worm your way in.

Elections are terrible! I am afraid of the socialistic trends of the democrats.

Will talk more tonight. Till then,

As ever,

Jean

THE WORLD FAMOUS Columbus HOTEL — MIAMI, FLORIDA

11/6/58

Dear Lily:

Happy birthday; I wish I were there, I shall be anxious to learn of any get together.

It was as always such a joy to talk to you last night; it breaks the terrible distance gap that sometimes upsets me; really the phone is a wonderful thing.

I had a good time last night with a group at White Temple; I have heard of it for years. They have a new pastor who is working on missions with a real drive. They have put into their budget $5000. additional this year for others.

The lady I came to see particularly was an interesting lady, over 80, I would guess but active and clear thinker. She is building up an endowment fund, now at 31,000. Her husband gave the money that built the middle school at Chang-hu-ban, just south of Yenping, where Bruce had more or less headquarters for a time. She was interested in that.

She was not upset over the red take over of her building in China, saw the whole picture and was keenly alert on the dangers of communism.

Miami impresses me so much like Singapore or Penang, sticky, temperature today is expect to go to 87, lots of creeks, bayous, it is indeed semi-tropic. I would not trade it for So.Calif. in spite of smog.

Distances here are very real so I have not yet worked out a real schedule. I think I shall rent a Hertz car and drive from here to St. Petersburg, with stops en route; simply can't make much headway by bus, train or plane.

The first night I have washed a shirt and not had it absolutely dry in the morning; it is the sticky, damp atmosphere. I have another shirt, however, so there is no trouble there. This shirt set-up is by all odds the way to handle things. I have already about paid for, by saving on laundry, the three shirts I bought as an experiment. And they look fine. I can hear your, "Oh, yeh." I'll want to see how yellow they are when you get back."

Possibly more later, otherwise, this is to let you know I am as far away as possible, and almost any move I make, would be getting closer back HOME.

As ever,

Paul

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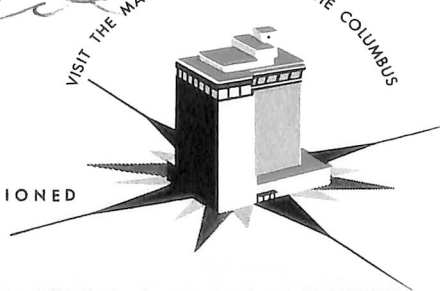

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You might try a letter to me at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Ga where I will go, at least to ask for mail. Later, send to Monroe, La.

THE WORLD FAMOUS Columbus HOTEL — MIAMI, FLORIDA

11/7/58

Dear Lily:

Am leaving here a little after 10 by bus for West Palm Beach, and expect to leave there tomorrow at 5;30 P.M. for St. Petersburg, by plane, arriving in about 1 hour. Probably will be there for 2-3 days, then to Atlanta and from there do not yet know how I get to Piedmont, Ala. which is not too far west of Atlanta, but not on airline.

Had a fine day yesterday, two ladies who have been deeply committed to missions who are all alone, and who already have annuities with the DWM, have promised to leave their estate to the DWM in their wills. How much is involved, I of course have no way of knowing. So I feel that much of my trip is of real value to the Board, beside the visit of the earlier day in which the lady who built the school in Yenping area will carry on and hopes to increase.

Yesterday I went to see an old fraternity brother, Ed Snyder, who graduated in 1908 from JHU with Guy Kelly. He was a preacher in Balto. Conf. then went to N.Dak. and Chicago, was DS, etc. returned to Balto. and in later years took it easy in small appointment near Annapolis. They live now in Coral Gables.

He took me around all afternoon to see people on my list, to Miami Beach, and here as well as places in Coral Gables. Then he picked up his wife at a Church Women meeting and we had dinner together. It was a real joy. Coral Gables church has 3,500 members, and gives almost as much for others as for themselves. The Snyders are active in that church and I believe I can get some help there too. The pastor, whom I called upon, was out however, sorry not to meet him.

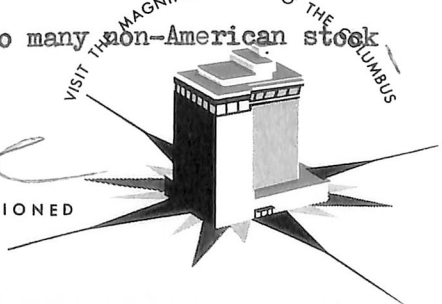
Just south of Palm Beach is where Ed Benson lives, I'll phone them tomorrow AM and if he can come for me, OK, otherwise, I'll take a bus down to see them, as I have two calls in make in their city, Lake Worth. Just a bit farther south is a Balto. Conf. retired preacher who is also one of our givers, so I might get to see him too.

It is hot and sticky here, clothes are all wet, even with my thinnest suit. I can hardly picture what it must be like in summer, - not for me!! Everything is air conditioned of course, but that does not effect the outdoors.

Coral Gables was a beautiful place, no stores or shops at all in the city of 60,000 except for one central street, which they call the "Miracle Mile"; it certainly makes for attractive residential areas.

On the whole, Miami downtown seems sloopy, messy, so many non-American stock and stores do not appeal. Saloons everywhere, etc.

Take care of yourself. As ever, Reuel



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WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

11/8/58

Dear Lily:

Another good yesterday. Came up from Miami on express bus, 2½ hours, interesting ride. Bus station opposite this hotel. My room is $5.00, during winter season it is $14.00 for one person.

Discovered Bensons had no phone, so went to Lake Worth by bus, 20 minute ride, it is a good sized town, about 20,000 normally, about doubles in winter. It and W. Palm Beach run together.

Ed was home, she was at WSCS meeting. He took me to see the 2 people on my list there, and then a drive over to beach, about 1 mile from their home, very beautiful surroundings. It was such a relief to see a community different from Miami. Lake Worth is very attractive; their house is also nice, 2 bed rooms, and 2 baths, urged me to come down, but I was already settled here. Next time, promised to go.

They took me out to dinner, I came back here to the hotel and at 10 this morning, Edward is coming to drive me around here to see my list of people, which is certainly good of him. They have spent several winters here and know the place fairly well.

They doubt if they will keep for any time their present Balto. home, an apartment which he owns in Overlea. It is 2 apartments, they rent one and keep the other for themselves, but they spend only 4 months in Balto, that is, make it headquarters, but are away from there much of the time.

Have kept the apartment so as to have Katherine decide when she returns home soon, what furniture she wants; after that will probably give up Balto. as their home, and only visit there. Catherine isn't going to want much, they both now see. Roland could get out of the Marines in 4 more years, with ½ pay as retired man, but to get full retirment will have to serve 14 years and he wants to do that, so they can't carry that heavy furniture around with them, and it would cost too much to store. He has been commander of the base, out of Madrid; Catherine has apparently been a leader of church affairs as well as commander's wife. Now have 4 children, 3 boys, 1 girl.

Leave here at 4;30 on limousine for airport, take off about 5;30, due in Tampa in an hour. Do not know which hotel I'll stay. Hope to finish there sometime on Tuesday and get to Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. by Tuesday night. That is "hope".

GW-PB-2

Once a Guest — Always a Guest

Must shave and be ready for Edward in a short time. Hope all goes well, ~~xr~~ will try to call again on Wednesday, or even before, if I get more definite plans to report.

Edward seems well, Peggy has lost 25 lbs. They had complete X-ray tests, etc. and can find no trouble. Has no appetite, but otherwise looks and seems well. They were so sorry to hear of your troubles.

They insisted if we ever come this way again, to be sure to make headquarters with them, with their extra. bed room and bath free.

Calif. looks better every day I stay here. Yesterday, rain and sunshine, then over again. And hot as the dickens after the rain, clothes all soaked.

As ever,

Bess