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## Dearest William:

We were so glad to receive your good letter, and glad to hear that my letter reached you so promptly. Your letter written Sept. 3, reached me October 4.

We were much interested in the account of your trip north, but do not envy you having to travel the way you did, it must have been very tiresome to be so long going such a short distance. We were glad to hear that you have some cooler weather there, and surprised to hear that Philinda says it is not as hot there as in Miami. However you have more rain and humidity and I'm sure this is a much healthier climate. It is a little cooler now, and as you know, the Winters are ideal. Do you have as many colds there as you had when you lived in a cold climate?

I'm sorry you can't get good fresh milk, as I know how you always loved milk, but suppose you are used to doing without it, as I remember you were unable to get good milk in Germany when you were there before the war.

We had to laugh at what you said about eating so many carrots and beans. I don't blame you, and assure you

if you ever come here, I won't serve any carrots. I am like you, I get tired of them soon, and never did eat as many vegetables as I should, there are so many I do not care for, but I love salads and eat a good many vegetables that way. Did you ever learn to eat tomatoes? The last I knew, you would not even taste them to see whether you liked them or not. That is one vegetable we are both very fond of, and we eat a lot of them.

We were glad to hear of your promotion some time ago, I'm sure you deserved it. I sent one of your letters and one from Jeannette, to Jennie Owen. She writes me frequently and both she and Aunt Maggie are very much interested in both you and Jeannette.

Jeannette writes oftener than she used to, and seems to be getting along well and is happy over the prospect of the increase in family she expects in January. I only wish we were nearer and could be with her, I know if your mother were living she would go to her, and wish I might take her place. I hate to think of her so far from home when the baby comes, with no one of her family with her. But I feel sure she will get along all right, hope so any way.

I suppose your father has written you that he is selling or has sold the farm. It is a wise thing to do. I think it

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never paid, and made him so much work, and caused him so much worry to pay the interest on the mortgage, and now that they have Sarah's farm so much nearer Newark, with tires and gas so scarce it is a good thing to get rid of the other farm. I know your father has been working very hard, and has had a lot to worry him, so I hope this will ease things a lot.

I am sending you a clipping from the Advocate and one from the Miami paper which I think will be of interest to Philinda as well as to you. Miami is growing fast, and there is a lot doing here.

I do not get out much except to the Grocery and down town once in a while, and Mama does not go out at all, except to work in the yard, which she says is more pleasure to her than anything else. I still have to use a cane when I go any distance, I get so tired, but I am improving slowly.

Write when you have time, we love your letters. Love to you and Philinda from both of us.

"Ninnie"