

R. D. #1. Willow Springs, Mo.
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My dear Lois,

Just a line to say that after many days Dorothy
beginning to improve, very slowly but noticeable, is still
weak to sit up. Mama is still with her and will
remain for some weeks yet. Know you will be wondering
as we are getting on so give you the first favorable news
have been able to report, we lost two weeks thro' Dorothy
being so obstinate in her refusal to consult a Doctor,
wouldnt admit she was ill when she was so weak she
had to be lifted around in bed, couldnt move herself.
Initially I had to insist and she consented, but we had
lost so much ground that it has been a question for
a week if we could fan the flicker of life remaining,
back to a flame, but I feel that we have succeeded
so far if there is no set back. — Dorothy's attack
came on suddenly, a complete collapse. fell over & her
heart stopped and her husband thought she was sure gone
brought on by worry & over work attending on her little
girl and she has never let us know. Christian Scientists
are funny people, wont admit there is any sickness
and Dorothy wouldnt admit that either her child or
herself was ill. — intolerable nonsense — but we had to
proceed very cautiously as Dorothy's nerves were worn
to a frazzle, and we dared not excite her. I have written
all the other girls to help me with their influence to
try and persuade Dorothy to quit such foolishness

if she recovers, and take a more rational view of life and do hope we will succeed.

We missed Christmas & New Year this time but Mamma says when she returns we will put them and two or 3 birthdays which are due to celebrate all into one and rejoice at Dorothy's recovery at the same time. we miss Mamma so much. we all seem to live just for Mamma, and she for us and when the combination is broken life is all out of joint, or as Hubert would say of his Engines, we are "running on one side".

You & Hubert would have a quiet time together I presume unless you went to B. to cheer them with your presence. How much I thought of them all, and wished I could say or do something to help them, but no one can help them much this year and for years their Christmases will be clouded by its associations.

Many thanks for the prints of the Cathedral they are beautiful, my boys looked at them for hours, astonished at the magnitude & richness of the work. - what are they Hubert? Bromide prints? -

We are having so far the driest & warmest winter I ever remember, has it rained for about 10 or 11 weeks & never has been below 8°. I was going around all yesterday without a coat or vest. it turned cold at night but today it is warm again.

Much love to you my dear Sister & a great big hug I'm just like an old bear anyhow. Best wishes for the New Year to you both. May it be prosperous & Happy
Loveingly Bro Dan.