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Dear Martha & John,

We got the loan all fixed up today, and as I know dad will be getting it off to you in the morning, I'll get a little note written to you. We were glad to get the letter at noon of the same day dad called you. It was interesting to learn how far along you were with the work. Now that the pressure will be off a little when you get this money, we hope you won't just feel driven day and night until you are drained of strength. Just do what you can in a day and a reasonable part of the night, with calmness, and happiness, and really live in your home just as truly now, a day at a time as you perform to when the house is finished. The house is very comfortable now even as it is, so take time each day for a happy evening, stories, singing, family worship, things the little boys enjoy and will always remember, far more than the nice house. That is far more important, and the time is now or never for getting hold of their hearts and lives. Regularity of worship and stories is what they love now. If dropped now and then they lose interest and after awhile they feel it isn't important, and won't want it, if they don't grow right up with it. Building their faith and love in you and in God is far more important than finishing the house.

For Christmas we are subscribing for Christian Herald for you and sending you some sun flower seed for the birds. Will send money a little later for you to get presents for the boys. No, don't need to get anything for the grown ups, at Freds and Bills, just your cards, and something for the two little girls. We will, but they are our grand children.

We are going to the church for supper, at 5:30, a soup supper and pie, then to see all the bazaar stalls, which the younger married couples seem to get so much pleasure in working the whole week, nights, getting <sup>tid</sup> up and decorating. I baked an



angel food cake and a pie for them to sell in the food booth, but told them not to count on me working there tonight.

Fred is going to try to get the chest of drawers and vanity table for our bed room made before Christmas, of the mutchbun. Then we will put that old bureau down in the basement room. I'll be so glad for drawers for the bed-linen towels and my private things. I'll cook up the last of those old apples off your tree tomorrow, into apple sauce. Dad loves it and our guests do too. I put the juice of one orange or lemon in each batch, and it's all gone, what I had made. I'll have a nother half gallon to make tomorrow.

Hope you get some good from reading each day in Fauback's book I left there. I got a lot from it that helped keep me at peace, even in times of pressure. Here is one of the best illustrations for you to use sometime with your women in a Bible lesson or devotion. I used it in my S.S. Class recently, illustrating practical Christian living. S.S. lesson was Luke 7:11-13 "He touched the leper." A woman awoke one morning and viewed the day's work ahead-meals, children to get ready for school, a scanty luncheon to prepare for a group of women who were coming- and she became anxious. Her husband in departing said, "Hadst you better take a rest? You seem feverish." When she was alone, she took her Bible and read, Matt 8:14 "He touched her hand, and the fever left her." She saw that was just what she needed, so she knelt and asked Him for His touch on her life for the day. She arose and went about her work quietly, prepared a simple luncheon instead of the elaborate one, at the close of the meeting, she told the women of her experience, thus giving a testimony for the Master. When her husband returned, he said, "I see you took my advice, and took a rest; the fever is gone." This is a true story. Don't it just strike the need of us all? You are truly gifted of the Lord in teaching, public speaking, great ability in home work, mechanical work, have a an ability in beautifying a home, arrangement, dress, oh so many gifts. Now let God help you get victory over impatience, temper, shouting at the children, doing all your discipline in a stern but controlled quiet voice, firmly carrying out a punishment in love, and you will become a grand mother, homemaker, community and church worker, that will have a wide influence for God. We Justice improvement each time we visit you and we know you will persist and succeed. You have a fine family.

Next morning. I guess Fred has your papers and letter all ready to send. So I'll finish this up. We went to the church bazaar last night at 5:30. Such a jam! The booths were interesting and program good but by 7 we came home for an hour then went to the F. I. L. Play "Adam" at 8. Tell the boys we saw bears, cows, monkeys, lions, all going into Noah's ark. They were students dress up, false heads on, and crawling and moving. They would have enjoyed it. More like a fairy story. Just lots of love Dad & Mother

Dennis that picture was good I thank you