

Single, Idaho.  
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Dear Mother Kean,

Mitchell gave us your letter telling about Ida's fall. It came as a distinct shock. We certainly hope that Ida is feeling much, much better by now and that the pain is steadily getting less. We know you must be very worried and we do hope conditions look and are much brighter. Did Ida trip or stumble or did she faint and fall on some sharp object? We have been wondering just <sup>what</sup> was the cause, especially since Ruth told us some one had said her heart was the cause of her illness a while earlier. We had supposed it to be the "flu" that kept her out of school then. Ida has always seemed so well that it is <sup>all</sup> the more difficult to realize she is so ill. We think and talk of her often. Is there anything that we can do? Has Milton - or Douglas - been down to check her over? We do so hope all goes well with her from now on.

At present it is quite pleasant though we did have some really cold, blowy days and nights this past week. The thermometer dropped to 5 or more below and water in the hall froze. Today the sun is bright and warm with only the gentlest of breezes blowing. The baby enjoyed being out. She is so very interested in everything about her. She really is tall for her few months. We love to watch her at play. She likes to sit up

Give Ida our love & best wishes. Sam writing to her, too, but may not

or to try out her feet for usually she will come all the way up if some one takes her by the hands. She has outgrown her little bonnet and worn the toes completely thru her shoes, also the heels. Her little legs are barely still when she is awake. Her hair may have an auburn cast to it tho it is most uncertain to say definitely as yet. It does seem fairly definite however that her new hair is going to be darker than the others were.

We enjoyed your last letter to us and Rodney expects to write himself during the next few days. He has much to do before next 15<sup>th</sup> when the first turkeys are due to arrive. None of the equipment is cleaned or sterilized. Rodney will have them at the Flats again. As yet we don't know who will be working with them. Hartwells have their old job back working for the state land department. Horsley is going into partnership with Ray Rich. Herbie has joined the navy, so we hear. Jim Pugmire is due to be drafted some time in June but we hope may be able to stay since he is to have charge of work on the Flats during Rodney's absence. Between draft and O. V. A. it is often more than a little difficult to hire men. The O. V. A. men would rather work for it than put in an honest day's work.

The days go dreadfully fast - I've been trying all week to finish a dress for Denise. The child needs several but I seem to find very little time to actually sew - or do the many things I hope to for that matter.

We all of us send the very best wishes for both you & Ida.  
Love from  
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