

Dear Mother
Just a note on Lucretia's letter
Have been 5 days trying to do this
Logins - dashing wildly about
All is well with us here.

Dad seems to be pretty well
we've been at Eastonca week
for a while

Mitchel, Mabel, Ruth & her sister
arrived in car last night, all OK.

Today they went to the fair
We had hoped you would come to the fair.
Now we hope it will be open next
spring & you'll come then

See everyone here
& please hosts now
Love to all.

Your kid
Douglas.

Berkeley, California.

October 20, 1939.

Dear Mother Ream:-

It has been a long time since we
have heard from you, but on thinking it over
I have come to the conclusion it is our own
fault. We are careless about writing to all
our loved ones. Of course Douglas is so very
busy - not having time to eat and sleep, but I
should write. We do love to hear from you.

I have been coming down to the office
mornings since Nelle went away. I stay until
1:00 when I am relieved by a young lady who
remains until 6:00. I have been very busy
getting out statements, answering telephone,
etc. When I go home I try to get a rest if
I don't have to go out, then children home,
time to cook dinner. Always busy.

We have a real nice and willing girl
working for us. Louise procured her for me.
She is a Thornock girl from Bloomington.
The children like her and she is very good
with the baby. I do hope she will be con-
tented for a long time. I don't know what
we would do without her, especially with
Nelle away. I am much better, but tire so
very easily - hope to be much better eventually.

Little Nelle left on September 10th. We
do hope that she will have a very enjoyable
trip. It was very nice of Beulah to invite
her. We haven't heard from her since she
arrived. She was seasick two days, but after

that enjoyed her trip. I know she misses Kay. He is in Salt Lake with his Father. We all miss Nelle, but hope to see her about January 4th, 1940.

You really should see your newest grandson. He is $4\frac{1}{2}$ months old now and like David is very, very good. I always bathe him and tuck him in bed before leaving. He is more like Douglas than any of the children, unless it is Forrest. His eyes are very blue and he has a pretty chin -like Doug's. He is so very happy, always smiling. He is worth it.

We go out to see Grandpa every chance we get, which isn't as often as we would like. We think he looks fine. I wish he could come and see us, but he thinks he is better off there with the hospital bed, etc.

October 18th was our 16th Anniversary. We invited Milton and Helen and hoped that Grandpa could come too, to eat dinner with us. Grandpa said he doesn't eat in the evening. We had a very enjoyable evening. It is too bad we cannot get together often-er. It seemed so good to have a larger table to eat on. This is the first we have had a large dining table and we do enjoy it. I wish you and Ida could have been here too. I said to Douglas, "if we had the 16 years to live over again I cannot think of anything I would have done differently". Of course I would liked to have been a better woman, but I wasn't considering impossibilities.

We do enjoy our home. It seems like a

large place, but there are a lot of us, we use every bit of it. We have our yard all fixed up -it does look nice. When are you coming to see it and stay with us awhile? We can give you a nice room on the main floor. The baby sleeps in there in the day time, but we could arrange it so he wouldn't bother you.

I must get busy. I have some typing to do, but I did want to take time off to write to you. We do think about you real often and

Love you,

Lucile
Please give our love
and best wishes to Ida -
do hope ^{she} gives us a visit soon.

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