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Dear Mother Ream: -

I have not heard from you since I wrote you last, but I know that you have been very busy on account of Ida's illness. Douglas told me that he received a letter at the office telling about her, but he failed to bring it home.

Mother Ream, we are very anxious about Ida, hoping and praying for her speedy recovery. Will you please tell me if there is anything we can do here -anything I can get and send to her. I would love to get a present of some kind for her -something she would enjoy while convalescing -can you assist me by suggesting something she can use?

Douglas is so very busy as usual. He has had a very sick girl at Childrens' Hospital -has been sick for weeks and as she was at a different hospital that made an extra trip for him every day and sometimes several times a day. I worry about him not getting enough rest, but he says he is alright. I do hope so. A Doctor is certainly a public servant.

Marilyn left this morning for Arizona with a group of about sixteen girls from our Ward -and two chaperones. They are going to do baptisms for the dead and combine a nice vacation. They will return home a week from tomorrow. It will be a wonderful trip for the girls, but how we do miss our Marilyn in more ways than one. When we returned from taking her to the train Kay and Leanore did the breakfast dishes and Leanore said, "do you think I will be able to make the beds while Marilyn is away"? She knew that was Marilyn's job.

I haven't a girl yet -get a lady occasionally by the day. I am kept on the go and at night I am too tired to write letters so I do neglect my family. I hope to do better some day.

The children are all well. We had a birth-day party for David a week ago today (5th birth-day). It was raining all day, but we kept the children in the play room -even to serving them down there. I don't know what I would do without that room. Eldon is talking now and can say quite a few words, he is slower about it than the others were, but you remember he isn't slow when it comes to climbing. He does enjoy being outside, but thinks he can walk the wall or climb the trees like the other boys do.

I hope that we will hear from you soon telling us that Ida is a lot better.

We all send love to all,



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