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Dear Marge:

How nice to have a letter from you. I had just a short note from Chet telling of his safe arrival at Edinburgh and his satisfaction in being there. I hope his letters continue in that vein and that he and you will feel that together you made the right choice. It certainly must be stimulating to be working under a man like John Bailey and having the new doors opened to one's experience by coming in contact with men of that caliber. These men of God are truly an inspiration to all of us, are they not?

It was good to see you here in Boston. I was deeply disappointed in the shortness of your visit and hope that if you plan to go on to Scotland to join Chet and go that way that you will stop once more in Boston for a better chance for the group here to get acquainted with you and to have some more leisurely discussions. To come this far for less than a day in the office is hardly worthwhile. No, I don't mean it that way. It was worthwhile, but it was an awfully long and expensive trip for just a few hours, wasn't it? We certainly packed a lot into it and I was grateful for that.

I saw Anna at Wichita at our Annual Meeting of the American Board last week. I thought she looked very tired and worn. She is doing a heavy speaking program for she is in tremendous demand and everyone loves her as she goes from church to church. I just wondered, though, whether some inkling of the actions of the ministers at Truk have reached her ears and if she is troubled by that. She said nothing about it and, of course, I did not. I hope that before she knows anything about it there will be a definite plan for her. On the other hand that plan really should be made at Mission Meeting next summer when you are all together and Anna can enter the thinking and planning herself. That may not be easy for her, I don't know.

Anyway, I was most grateful to you and Chet for the warmth of your invitation for Anna to come and work with the Trukese people at Ponape. Eleanor Wilson writes that she fears that Robert's long arm and his feeling against Anna may reach from Truk to Ponape since those are people from his area and that he may poison their minds against her. I hope not. Anna has a lot that she can give and it will be a tremendous pity if she is frustrated all along the line. Eleanor has been equally welcoming in her thought that Anna could serve and serve very effectively in the Marshalls. Perhaps in the end that will be the decision, I don't know.

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Thank you for you list for the Friendly Service. If things of this kind can be gotten to you next year it will be fine. I think I will suggest to Miss Martin when I know your sailing time that some things be sent to you to take out with you so that you can get them earlier. I don't know whether that will be possible or not. Of course, the list you have sent me now is not to go to the churches until the fall of 1954. It certainly is long range planning, isn't it?

You ask about Anna's plans. You can write to her c/o Dr. Arthur W. Taylor, 1710 B Street, Lincoln, Nebraska from November 11 - 24. I don't know whether she goes as far north on the West Coast as Portland or not. If she does, I hope that you can get together. She will appreciate an invitation to visit you, I am sure.

Now this must go off with the best of wishes to you and to the boys. I'm glad they are having such a good time in school.

Affectionately yours,



Alice E. Cary

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