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February 10, 1946.

Dear Friend:--

Our hearts turn to you much oftener than once a year. I will not say that we think of you every time we hear the fine old grandfather's clock strike, but we do very often when we hear it, and often, too, at other times.

The enclosed letter which we are sending to scores if not hundreds of our friends mentions the "pilgrimage" from which we returned less than a week ago. We have enjoyed our journey greatly, and friends have been more than kind to us wherever we have gone; but we are glad to be back at home, and already we find plenty to do.

We are rejoiced that the terrible slaughter of World War II is ended, and we hope that the leaders of the world of political life may have (and use) the wisdom that will save us from the unbelievable horror of another war.

Many changes have occurred during our five months absence from Newberg. My oldest sister, two sisters-in-law, a cousin and other relatives have died, and we have also lost the woman who was more like a mother to us of any woman who has been living in recent years, Amanda M. Woodward, mother of Walter C. Woodward, late general secretary of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America. We shall miss her greatly, for though she had for years been unable to get out to meetings, she lived near us and there were not many days that passed without our seeing her. She dreaded to see us go on this long trip, and yet she wanted us to go, and she prayed very earnestly for us just before we left her home, the last house we were in before we left for the east.

We do earnestly hope that things are going well with you. We have thought so often of the dear friends of ours in England during the terrible days of the war. May God mercifully preserve us from another such horror.

With love and best wishes from us both, and continued gratitude for all the kindnesses of the years, I am

Sincerely your friend,

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