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June 20, 1946.

Dear Friend:--

It was good to get your letter of the 17th, and you may be sure that it was a delight to us to have you in our home -- we wish that it might have been for a longer time. If you could have stayed till today, you could have helped pick most of the cherries off of that Governor Wood tree, and if you were here tomorrow, you could help pick the Royal Anns and maybe the Montmorencys. William Pribbenow and I have been picking the Governor Woods, and we took to the buyer more than a hundred pounds, in addition to the quantities that we ate, and those that we gave to six or eight at the Perisho home, to Frederick Baker and two college girls, to Mrs. Strevey and Mrs. Charles next door, to Mrs. Hodgkin and her daughter Louise, and to others -- I can think of two or three more names, but why go on? They really are far better than they were when you were here. Wish you could have a lot of them now.

The two most jarring notes in the yearly meeting were the question as to the meetings with which we would correspond -- some are deadly afraid that we might become contaminated by some sort of contact with the "Hicksites" -- and the heresy hunt, of which Robert H. Dann has been the quarry for the past four years. He was finally "deposed" from the ministry on the ground that he has lost his "gift" and is not in harmony with the beliefs of Oregon Yearly Meeting.

We quite agree with you that more acquaintance between Friends of various sections would be good for us all if we will maintain the proper spirit. And we are glad indeed that you were with us, even though there was little enough opportunity for you to offer any service to the yearly meeting. But come again, and as soon as you can.

We'll be here for some days, putting up cherries and peas for the winter, and trying to get the garden and grounds in better condition than they were when you were here. I was ashamed to have anybody go into the back yard at all.

With happy memories of your visit, and the hope that it may not be your last, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Ellis T. Williams,
416 No. Oakland Ave.,
Pasadena 4, California.

Do not usually use the "plain" language, but it will be plain that the word "you" as used above is often in the plural. We were both disappointed that we could not have had you in our home for a meal, but Rebecca just wasn't up to it, and under the circumstances I did not favor it. Next time --