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Frederick B. Sainty,
51 Stanley Avenue,
Potsdame, England.

August 7, 1947.

Dear Friend:--

A letter from me to you started on its way to England, yesterday morning. But last evening I did what I had not thought of doing when I wrote that letter; I read most of your letter to our monthly meeting.

A goodly number of those present remembered your visit to the yearly meeting, though of course the younger folks did not, for that visit was a long time ago as measured in the lives of folks in their twenties or their thirties. But those who were old enough to recall your visit remembered it with appreciation and gratitude.

And all, both young and old, found your letter most interesting, especially that part of it that had to do with the yearly meeting and with conditions in England at the present time, and still more especially as these affect Friends. The entire monthly meeting had occasion for real gratitude to you for your letter, even though it was not written for them.

The local meeting continues its interest in the help of the suffering millions overseas. Our service committee, of which Rebecca is chairman, reported the shipment of another 245 pounds of clothing through the American Friends Service Committee. I shall soon spend another week with the Heifers for Relief committee, helping a new field man to get started. And as vice chairman of the yearly meeting's service committee I helped to get a new man appointed as head of the foreign service section of that committee. (The chairman of the committee was not "functioning", and something had to be done if we got the new name into the yearly meeting minutes.)

And some much needed improvements are being made in the meeting house here. The lighting has long been very inadequate, and new wiring (the old was a fire hazard) and new lighting fixtures are being installed throughout the building; the pastor's study-library is being refinished and refurnished; and a public address system is being installed, for the help of those whose hearing is impaired through private ear phones, for the augmenting of sound for those in the rear of the room under the galleries, and to enable those in other rooms, overflow audiences or mothers with children too fretful to remain in the main auditorium, to hear, even if they cannot see the speaker. It will be of especial help at yearly meeting time, when sometimes the seating space in the main room and the annex are inadequate, but it will be helpful at all times.

And we have something more than \$4,000.00 in hand for the building of a new parsonage as soon as building conditions are more nearly normal. The old parsonage has been sold and moved to another lot, and the pastor is now living in rented property.

With kindest regards and best wishes, in which Rebecca joins heartily, to both of you,

Sincerely your friend,