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Dear Jesse:

Your letter is certainly a consolation to me. I've so often thought & wondered how in the world you ever got thru the first few weeks after Lula was taken alone as you were, with so few people there speaking your language and taking care of her & keeping the mill going during her illness! Truly we are never alone when God is with us.

Somebody ^{even} ~~even~~ tho' the Dr. told me Herbert couldn't recover. I never really gave up until he was gone. There were times when he seemed so much better, even the nite he died, sitting there beside the bed praying for his recovery & Larina sitting beside me checking his pulse & breathing, there were times when she said both were better. I've wondered about what our Unity class teacher told of her experience. Her husband was sick quite a while before he died & she said she realized that she was holding him here thru her prayers, ^{against} against his wishes to stay. So she ^{stopped} stopped

the prayers & he ^{was} gone very soon.
Just how far have we the power to go
in case of that kind? The booklets you
sent was the 1st thing that ever aroused
any interest in him in regard to
scientific healing. From that he con-
sented to a visit from a Christian
Science practitioner. That didn't seem
to completely satisfy him so I picked
out some Unity Books, one written by a
Dr. which really seemed to make an
impression on him but he couldn't quite
accept it & would not discuss it with

me in any way. Now he never gave
me any hint at all that he tho' he
might not get well.

I certainly appreciated Lorina's
being here at the time it happened. The
Dr. kept telling me there was no hurry
about sending for Elathier so it was
Sun. morning when I finally took it
upon myself ~~to~~ to call her & tell her defi-
nitely to come. It is a 24 hr. trip so
she didn't get here until he was gone.
She stayed until the Sat. night fol-
lowing & left it up to me to say how

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much longer I wanted her to stay.
Since her being away from her work
was putting extra work on the mem-
ber of the faculty who took charge
for her, even tho' hardly knew how to
~~to~~ face my loneliness I tho't best not
to keep her any longer.

Our friends here have been so kind
& good to me, - especially the City Employ-
ees that he worked with & they have
& still are standing by me & offering
to help in any way I need them.

It is hard to walk out on surround-
ing like that but at my age I don't
much like the idea of staying on
so far away from any other member
of the family. Elother & I talked it over
& decided not to make any hasty de-
cisions that we might regret later.
And with prospects of your coming I
don't want to leave now anyway. So
I'm getting the business end of things
straightened out & Lorina tho't she
might find a job for me as house

Mother at some ⁴ of the Fraternity house
at the University in Gainesville. That
is what I'd like, - especially after Elother
said she would see if ^{she} could transfer
to Gainesville too. Then when you ^{come}
~~to~~ with your family we would all
be there together.

There is something I want to ask + don't
hesitate to tell me how you'd feel about it.
Mama told me many times that Papa would
never stand for our younger children wearing
or using "hand-me-downs" from other mem-
bers of the family. Since I've been over here
& accepted so much in clothes from Bert +
her friends + from Mrs. Nickerson + her
friends in household equipment it
comes back to me many times but ^{since}
they filled a need for us I learned to be
thankful even tho it hurt my pride.
I've never discussed it with any other
members of the family + do not know to
what extent it was instilled in ~~other~~
~~members of the family~~ them. If we
break up housekeeping here there are
things that Renie will need + could
use to start with. That would be for
running the kitchen + I have a few
table dishes + plenty of silver. (with some of

the peating missing) + whatever piece
of furniture that Elathin decides to
part with. That, however, is only her
book shelves, (made out at the mill) + a
chest of drawers.

Then there is Herbert's clothing,
underwear socks ^{size 10} + ~~the~~ work shirts,
that I've made, wool sweater, rain
jacket, 2 bath robes, one summer +
one winter + outing flannel pajamas
+ some summer ones too. Any of the
things that you or Remie would

feel like using I'd be happy to
keep in reserve for you. Herbert's
shirts are the outside sport type +
the style is based on those Cuban
coats they ^{Cubans} used to wear. They've
been very much admired here +
if I had gumption enough to put
them on the market I've always
thought they would be a money maker

Well your coffee will be cold before
you get thru with this so I won't
keep you any longer. We are sure

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looking forward to your coming +
am praying that you can make it.
I believe you will because I believe
it is Gods will that you should.

Thanks for your expression of con-
dolence + from the family too.

Love to you all. As always
Nell.