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Picture of you please  
Ruth

Dear Brothers - Sisters - Nephew and Friend,  
your letters have been here several days,  
you see I kept you ones for Thanksgiving  
Walter came in one day late, but was no less  
glad to see him. It was such a lovely quiet  
glad Thanksgiving day, it has been very wet  
here and have lost much time, for lack of logs,  
so having a couple of cart loads on hand we  
could work and get something done. Then I  
had your letters and the news in them was for  
the least not bad. then we here have good  
health, some clothes, and plenty of something  
to eat and don't have to scurry for a red  
hole a couple of times a night while bombs  
fall. Thanksgiving is an American day and  
Spanish people don't know anything about it, so  
it happened to be the day that Remedias picked  
to spend with her mother and she and the kids  
were over there. she was sary when I told her  
it had been Thanksgiving. I should have been  
sary too. if instead of the letters you had all  
have walked in on me in person. Busy at the  
mill and with little time to inclination to cook  
I was content with a plate of grates oats,  
and thankful as could be, for that and for  
one of the dearest of little women and 3 of  
about as nice little kids as one could find

They grow so fast, sometimes I hardly know if they are mine as no. Lula and Juanita 2 nice little girls, soon ready for school, and the boy, well he is just all boy, with a Big B. Remedias just loves him to death and takes such good care of all of us. They are all out at the farm for the day, will go and bring them home again later. Bertha I suppose some of you are <sup>by letters</sup> there in mild and woolly will have us all for Christmas, don't, let us catch you with only a can of quaker oats, for me it would be ok, but some of the crowd like chocolate cake so better have one handy. Was sure glad to see you Ariel, you see it was really my idea only Bertha and George so much nearer by beat me to it, well no matter for that us old fellows have to let baby sisters win some times and since you are established in the circle it is just fine.

Was also glad to see your letters Ruth and shall always be glad to see them if sometimes you can't write a letter you can just pen a note saying you are well and etc. and letters when you can. I hope this will find your health improved since your last letter, save a little of the work for others, don't try to do it all. My competitors here have gone out of business and I bought their principal <sup>handle</sup> machinery, one of those strange case of the mouse eating cat, naturally a bit indigestion and etc. but I guess the mouse will survive and anyway the cat is no more. also there seems to be no more paper and I just haven't written anything that I meant to write. Look for an armistice in mid

and of always best  
sincerely  
the end of the way  
I think  
and do not  
see.

Barth. Nov 28-43

Several of you have mentioned Clarence. Could I have just a little more paper as a little tribute to him?

He was the brother with whom I quarreled most and strangely. The one to whom I ever went for consolation and help in my hours of need.

I think, as a family we are all indebted to him for much of the better joys and spiritual things of life. How well I remember, it was he who took me (a little kid) to Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, E. League and etc. He who knelt with me by the road side, on the way home from church, to give thanks to our father above, for the home we enjoyed, the church, the bible and other blessings. He who first called my attention to the times in which we all living finding me in touch with the Saxon Education, from whom I have learned much.

I who perhaps was a little closer to him in the stark days. Then were the rest of you saw his stubborn contrariness, and his virtuousness and determination to do right in God's sight cost him a fortune. It always seemed to me that there was a middle road for him in which there was no sin and that would allow him to succeed. He just could not see it that way and I have ever admired the resolute determination with which he clung to what he believed to be right after all is it this hardheaded determined

quality in the American people that has made our country great. and it is this same quality inherited by his boys that is pushing them forward and carrying <sup>them</sup> up to positions of responsibility.

I think the boys perhaps have to keep a remembrance of to much religion and to few biscuits but as the years pass and looking a little farther ~~over~~ backward they will remember more of the fine things and appreciate more the fine qualities their father has passed on to them. after all it was the loss of one of the finest and loveliest of mothers, whose hand would have smoothed the rough places whose understanding and sympathy would have thrown much light on ~~the~~ the fine things that cost the boys so much.

Like George I haven't a doubt of Clarence's high standing in Court above, nor of his very soon return, with our Lord and King. Those who sleep in Christ have no worry nor need we have any for them, it is we who remain. who are seeing come to pass the things that many have longed to see, who must watch our step and look after the oil in our lamps lest we be one of the 5 foolish virgins, and miss the feast, and soon now when they begin to say peace, peace, and to celebrate and be foolish, then as it is written will come sudden destruction for only a peace founded on

of Christ's Kingdom now, 1919

and that peace will be complete and the prophets and the Bible - The Bible -