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Dear Bro. Jesse:-

Just a few words by way of a check-up on recent letters, to see how the postal department are performing.

Frank's letter dated August 15 just came this A.M., and we were indeed glad to get it. However he says that Stephen's last letter required 17 days (7 days from Hawaii to reach you.

So I that I had better begin a check-up of other mail sent you recently - especially because Frank makes no mention of any of it, and the last of which was only sent yesterday - but this ^(if it reaches you) will serve as a check against the others.

First in this present series was the family letter sent direct to you, dated (my copy) Aug. 6. Then a few days later (I did not make copy and retain date of this) I decided to make another very special attempt to try out the air mail.

So sent you a small ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz) letter with regular 10¢ U. S. A. M. stamp, which I diligently arranged with air Branch P. O. here to be sure everything was all right.

And the same day sent under separate cover by regular mail (A.M.) a copy of the magazine "Physical Culture", containing special article I wanted you to read.

And yesterday I forwarded to you a letter (from Larina) containing a little package of snap shots from Howard

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from which you were to make selections of which he will send more after it has been the rounds and back to him. On this I put 6¢ the same as Louina did in sending to me.

Glad to note Frank's mention about radio. Have often wondered if you were able to get U.S. stations and what ones. Suppose you may - thru some southern stations - receive some of the coast-to-coast net work programs - Is that so?

Have been around some of the old slum missions here - "Beverly" and "Water St." in particular. Have an engagement to speak at "Beverly" next Sunday eve. The place is always crowded with street bums - 200-300. I was very much surprised yesterday when the Supt. asked me to speak there. But I was glad of the chance. Wish you were here to go along.

I am doing my utmost to round up my affairs here and get back to N.E. Illinois for a time; tho' think I may return here after a few months.

Hope you are getting some rest in mind and spirit, and preparing for a new start in life as I did two years ago. My prayer especially for you has been that you may find strength and grace to use the last few years of your second cycle of 30 years i.e. the interval from now till you are 60, in a very determined preparatory way - a sort of a running

start, and cross your second cycle
finish, and enter into the third (60-90)
with a rush, and full steam ahead.

I really did that in part - feebly and
in the darkness of ignorance - not then
understanding till just a few weeks
before my 60th birthday what it was
all about. I am painfully aware
now that it was very foolish work;
but it was done, praise the Lord, and
now that I understand it better, I am
^{gaining} strength and speed every day. The terrible
eclipse of seeming defeat, and crushing
sorrow and grief is passing away
from the Sun of my life (Mat. 4)
and I am being lifted right up out of
it by His Grace.

Now I must close here, will
send this air mail, with 10¢ postage
and hope you will check carefully the
results. Wish you would return
envelope to me anyway.

Love and prayers

Clarence H. Crosby.