

Los Angeles 9/14/65

Dear Yogi:

I was not able to spend my vacation at the ranch as I had hoped. Our problem with my brother finally came to head and something had to be done for him. We were down the Saturday before my vacation started and we knew then there was nothing to do but try to get medical aid for him. He would never of his own accord go to a doctor and as there was no one to make him go, he just deteriorated, rather fast the last 6 weeks before we got him entered into the Naval Hospital in San Diego as a veteran.

We will not be able to let him live alone again, and so my vacation in addition to getting him in the hospital (my brother-in-law really did the hard work of getting the hospital to receive him) was spent in getting the place where he had been lived cleaned up, repairs necessary made, and all his papers, clothes, etc. gone through with the idea of either disposing of them if he should die (and it appeared at first that he might not be able to get over his trouble) or making some other arrangement for him. He has about 4 weeks at the hospital, his mind is not always clear, he has a physical disability which makes it difficult to take care of him, and it is definitely proved he cannot take care of himself or live alone any longer.

He has been sent to a nursing home for care where he may remain for the rest of his life, or if he improves, transferred to a home where he will not need so much care. He has some income which will go against the cost. How the balance will be paid, we dont know, but the Red Cross took over and while we have not been told where the rest of the money will come from or how long it will be paid, we are hoping that for the present he is having good care and attention. We are going down to see him Saturday to learn what we can of his physical and mental condition, what he may need in the way of clothes, and whatever else may be necessary.

It is a great relief to have this burden lifted. I did not ask for it to be lifted, because if I have earned the necessity for having the burden, then I must pay the penalty, but I did ask that it be handled as the Divine saw fit. My own health and peace of mind have suffered during the time, which has been over a year and a half. At first he was not so bad, but has been getting worse until something had to be done.

My work is still heavy. I spoke today to the man whose title is Assistant to the President and who is being groomed for the Presidency of the company when the president now in office retires, and told him I planned to leave before many months. We are changing managers and he said he hoped I would stay on and help the new man get himself oriented into the new job, as I had such a grasp of the whole picture and he thought I could be of great assistance. With the worry of my brother lifted, perhaps I will feel more like continuing on, but for a while the temptation to leave has been strong.

Received Gertrude's card that you are on your way back now. Was this trip more satisfying than the previous one?

Our summer has been so cool that staying home has not been so bad. We have even had a fairly good downpour of rain in September. We have not had any unpleasantly hot night for any of our summer meetings, so I feel we have been very fortunate.

Hope this finds you both well and in "fine fettle" after your Alaskan trip. I think I would have enjoyed such a trip also.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Bede". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".