

Clark, Illinois

May 2, 1933

Dear Aunt Bertha: There are so many depressing things to bear these days and you are always helping to bear others' burdens that it will be fine to write you some joyful news.

On April 14th, we received a letter from our long, lost son! It seemed like a message from the dead but a little photo enclosed showed him much alive and in better health than a year ago.

He is in Pocomoke City, Maryland on that strip of land down between Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic.

He has been there since last July working for a man who operates two greenhouses. The work has been varied, interesting and apparently wholesome for him. It seemed very difficult for him to write as he felt terribly his great mistake. He said, "I am physically well but mentally sick, homesick, and longing so to see or hear from home." He had gone to Florida a year ago, found work

have kept the children in school. Elisabeth is in college at Carbondale, Malvina
is in Chicago University. I long to hear from Aunt Carrie as a rounda bout message said
I miss so they feel to have seen you last summer. Grace
I miss with love. Yours with love, Grace

at packing tomatoes and worked at
that up the east coast to Pocomoke
While there he stayed with Mr. Shear,
the greenhouse man. When time came
to move on he asked for a chance
to keep there and staid. He always
wins his way like that wherever
he goes. A second letter showed his
great joy at hearing from us. He said
he did not know why he left last year,
that he was gone before he hardly
knew what he was doing and then
felt he could not face the embarrass-
ment of returning. Now he seems to
realize his trouble and is seeking to
overcome it. Philip planned to
drive from western Penn. to see
us last week end and we are
eager to hear from him. As we
read of some of the dangers he had
escaped and how he has seemed to
be led as he has, we could realize
how wonderfully God has answered
our prayers tho the year seemed quite
a long testing of our faith.

How are all of your dear ones?
are you keeping well as usual? I have
thought often of the Seminary and do hope
it has been able to carry on. I'd love to
send a few thousand for it but sometimes have to
scramble for a postage stamp, especially since banks
closed and ours has not yet opened. Somehow, we