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My own Precious Sister,  
It is very cool here  
this a.m. - we piled  
on all blankets  
available last night  
(as we're now keeping  
up 6 beds & it takes  
at least 2 blankets for  
each one.) Berta &  
Nellie still here  
and what a good  
visit we are having  
together. It is good  
to have loved ones  
with us again!

Dan was taken out  
of isolation yesterday  
(having been in quarantine  
for 10 wks. with a case of  
para-typhoid - he must  
have picked up the germ

in North Carolina last summer  
as none of us here took it) but  
& stay safe, we all took the  
"typhoid" inoculations. None  
of us was permitted to enter  
his room, except Caroline.  
We would go to "his window"  
or door & talk long distance  
- it was better than nothing -  
But Caroline begged so hard  
(for she knew just how to  
massage him & place  
the pillows with least  
pain) - that finally they  
consented to let her go in  
his room daily. She had to  
wash her hands in a disinfectant  
(before & after entering room);  
don a nurse's cap & gown  
before entering. She has  
been most faithful for his  
10 wks. quarantine. It  
w'd have been almost  
unbearable for Dan, otherwise.  
These complications have  
so reduced his strength &  
flesh that it is a marvel  
he has conquered it!  
But, last night, three

his tears he rejoiced that he  
had won. The weights, that had been  
on his legs for almost 3 mos.  
were taken off - but the  
reaction on his nerves  
was severe, as he was not  
able to relax. Today, they  
plan to, (under an anaesthetic)  
stretch his legs, feet & toes  
& place casters on each  
leg from knees to toes! It  
will be excruciating and I  
fear will almost shatter  
his poor over-spent nervous  
system - but the best staff  
of doctors say, it is the only  
thing to do! Bravely, he  
tries to smile thru his  
tears and his determination  
to win almost carries  
me up to the heavenly  
heights. I trust I have  
not burdened you by this  
description. I felt that  
you and your boys would

be interested. The rest of us  
keep fairly well. Mr. &  
Earliest Sanders visited us  
last week - they have a  
home in Orlando (Earliest  
has retired from teaching.)  
We are expecting "Ma" Dudley  
from Detroit tomorrow. She  
is a great friend of Dan's  
(learned to know him while  
he was in Ann Arbor, Mich  
at school - & she is coming  
especially to see Dan.

Please thank James for his  
letter to us and send to Dan  
what good sons you have -  
they dearly love their mother  
& will be a comfort &  
joy to you always. Dear  
Ma, you are continually  
in my thoughts & prayers - our  
petitions rise for you to be  
given strength & grace to  
bear your loneliness  
out - trust - just trust, dear  
one - even for the things you cannot  
know - holding fast his hand.  
Always, your devoted Sister Carrie