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AIR LETTER

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Dear Maurice and Alice,

I received your welcome card at Christmas and don't feel too badly about writing. I know just how it is. Not that I have two children to run around after - though I do have a couple of hundred to keep in line on Sunday morning - but it seems, no matter what it is, it is easier than sitting down to write a letter. So don't feel ashamed about letter-writing, that is one thing I understand and have the same difficulty.

That was quite a trip you had; 7,500 miles! I don't think I would care to be behind the wheel for that one but I guess you can split it up. However, whoever is not driving has to keep an eye on the two youngsters and I am not sure which would be more tiring. It must have been a wonderful experience all the same. It doesn't seem possible that Tommy is already in school but you still have Philip to keep you company. My mother used to say how quiet the house was once she got us all off to school. About that address for sending money: Father Mac in San Francisco can take care of it as well as anyone so whenever you want Masses said just drop it off at the house. He will send it to Omaha and they send out word in their monthly report to Manila for forwarding to me.

Right now I am busy trying to line up a bit of material for building a convento. You will remember that I lost mine in the earthquake a few years ago. I have been living in one made from the debris. It is very nice and comfortable but much too small to fulfill its requirements. Brother Colman will supervise the work. He picked up a lot of machinery in the States on his way back last year and can do it faster, better and cheaper than local boys. I will have to have everything on hand by June when he expects to be able to come here or face some expensive delays. Maybe that will sweat off a few pounds for me and I will look more like a returning missionary next December when I expect to return to the States in time for Christmas at home.

Give my regards to Kay and Roger and Family. I am looking forward to meeting them when I hit your fair city.

As ever, *L.H. Bie*

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