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Dear Helen,

Immediately I am answering your precious letter which I took from my mail box about ten minutes ago.

I can imagine how upset you were when the dear baby was burned, but accidents do happen, with the permission of God, and since all things work together unto good, we must not worry too much. Let us thank God that her face was not submerged in the hot water. I shall pray for her speedy recovery so that you can all go on that vacation trip that you have planned.

You and your Johnny have the right ideas about vacations and I can imagin what a happy trip you will have to Oregon. Seeing another state and the ranch with the sheep etc. will be of educational value for the youngsters.

With you and Johnny I rejoice that Pat is to enter the seminary of the Marist Fathers. We have Marist Fathers here in St. Paul and also in Minneapolis. For twenty-two years, while I was at St. Agatha's Conservatory, we had Marist Fathers for our confessors. They are highly esteemed here.

And so Billy is in 2nd year High and belongs to the Sea Scouts. I am sure that he looks nice in his uniform. All those activities at the Scout Headquarters will be good training for him.

And so Catherine starts school this year and Cecilia goes into the 6th grade and Alice into the 7th. All your youngsters are doing well.

(I just killed a mosquito that was bothering me.)

This is the first comfortable day we have had in weeks and we certainly appreciate it. The nights as well as the days were hot.

Everyone is busy throughout the campus preparing for the return of the students and also for the installation of a new Superior, which will take place next Sunday, August 28th.

I presume that Katherine told you about my vacation in the country, about fifteen miles out from Green Bay and DePere. I saw the place where the house stood in which I was born. It was Grandma Corrigan's log house. She was one of the pioneers in that section of the country. My mother was visiting her at the time I was born there.

It pleases me much that Katherine has a phone in her own room and can keep in touch with all of you. She always tells me the nice things that you and all the nieces and nephews do for her and Marguerite. I thank God for the wonderful family spirit.

Another sister and myself spent a day at the Boys' Home last week and enjoyed it much. Everything is right up to date there and the boys are comfortable.

During these vacation days I manage to get in a daily nap and spend some time out doors. My health is very good. I also drink two glasses of milk daily and plenty of water. I try to make good use of the good things that God supplies freely to all.

Well, Helen, I am down to the end of the page so had better bring this letter to a close. With much love to you and all my dear relatives, I pray God bless and keep you always.

Sister Elise

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