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Osaka, Japan  
Feb. 6, 1950

Dear Margaret,

It has been a long time since I wrote to you or mother either for that matter. We are very busy studying the language every day and it is really getting difficult. Two babies keep us busy too.

John is getting so big. He weighs 11 lbs. and six ounces now. I took him to the doctor for his check-up the other day and the doctor said that I didn't need to bring him there that I knew better how to take care of him than they did. The baby is eating vegetables, fruits and cereal now besides his milk. He is a little taller than Paul was but not quite so heavy. Paul weighed 12 lbs. and 2 ounces when he was two months old. It is interesting to compare their development. I am glad that I kept up Paul's baby book so that I have all the information. Johnnie laughs a lot now and make funny little sounds. Yesterday he wore long trousers for the first time.

The weather is getting a little warmer here now. I hope that Spring is on the way. Yesterday all of us went with Jake for his services. We had to get up early and left the house at about eight oc'clock. He preached in our new church at Kakagawa in the morning. It was a good service and eight young people were saved. In the afternoon we drove about another hour to a meeting of farmers held in a large house in which they gather for their farmers meetings. There were four children there, so Paul had a big time. We ate sukiyaki and afterward Jake preached to the men. Some of them were Catholics and most of them were uneducated people. Bokko interpreted and he said that he had to use very simple terms so that they could understand the message. Several of them signified their desire to become Christians. The baby slept most of the day and Paul was good too. They had a stove in the church which is unusual here in Japan. We sat near it and got too hot.

I am sending two silk head scarf for your birthday. I couldn't decide which of the two you would rather have so I am sending both. You choose the one that you want and give the other one to Phyllis for her graduation.

You asked what John needed. He has pretty much everything except some little cotton short suits for summer. Some-one sent him eight pair of long trousers.

I had a childrens meeting on Sat. evening so Jake kept the children I had to walk quite a long ways. It was good for me. I wish that I could do it more often. There were over a hundred and twenty youngsters gathered in a man's home for the service. I am going back again on the 18th.

Beginning next term which starts in April, I will be teaching at the seminary. I'm not sure just which subjects it will be yet. I am feeling fine now. I lost over fifteen pounds from what I weighed when I saw you last.

I can't understand what caused Oral's man to go off like he did. What does Oral intend to do, stay on with his folks. She will have a hard time with all of those youngsters. Were they back for Uncle Ed's funeral?

They are having lots of business meetings here now talking about building plans. We hope to start work on two Mission houses and the college administration building soon. We will surely be glad to get into a house of our own soon.

I must close as supper is about ready. Love to all,

*I am cutting my  
second wisdom tooth.*

*Flora, Jake  
Paul & John*