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Dear Wesley, here goes for a surface letter, which will arrive about the time you will be back in C--C. We have your AM Letter of Jan, 20th, and your greeting to your Mother on her birth day. She got about 10 B. Cards and very pretty ones too. The Corner's gave us your letter to read, all your fellows read it were very much pleased. We think you did well to finish assembling your ~~Business~~ before going on your side trip holiday, we are glad your employers depend on you so much. Your Mother told you in full about the tragedy of your Aunt Lizzie's death. Your Uncle Herb is home again but very weak, has a nurse to attend him, he has to be very careful, and it is slow recovery, we get letters from Alfred and the others to tell us how he is progressing. My own car troubles here are not over, the Insurance men are very slow about giving the go sign to foot the bill for repairs, The Adjuster Mr Darby, and the police found that the other fellow was at fault Mr D. has allowed me to run my car until the case is settled, indeed I, we, went to the funeral in Glencoe Jan. 17th. impressive service, full church, miserable weather, icy rain, windshield, covered with ice, left front tire punctured, ~~at~~ a Mr Gates, took us to the Cemetery, then to the maples, very kind, left the car in Glencoe to repair puncture. Roads very dangerous so we stay overnight at the Maples, Sunday 18th Arthur took us into Glencoe to get the car and go on to Lambeth, but they found a second puncture, so had dinner with your Aunt Sarah in Glencoe and left for Lambeth about 2-50 pm (Your Aunt Evée did not go to the funeral) Mon. am. car too cold refused to start, got the Ross outfit to tow it, add Alcohol, Oil, Gas, then about 3pm we start for home after visiting Herb at the Hospital in London. That Heater you built, is out of commission, reason, the blades of the FAN made too much noise so I got a piece of wire tied it up so high as to clear the wheel that touches the FAN BELT, now there is noise and of course no heat. The car is only half repaired, but when these adjusters agree, then it will go back to CORNER'S to be finished. I got my new license plates, but because I ^{am} age so old I have to take a nother driving test, I did just yesterday 10th. I got thru all right, but Earl Mabee has to send his finding to Toronto, and they will decide whether or not they will put me off the road, I hope not, I have just paid my Insurance \$32.00 for 1953. This expense bites deep, but Mr Marshall thinks if I am put off the road, they will refund me the amount paid. I am hoping to sell the Dodge if they won't let me drive it, in order to get some money for Medical Expenses if I need an operation for my Prostate Gland, this trouble is not bothering very much just now but will do later. I cannot do much work, but at 81. I am better than most men I think, Rev G.E. Morrow's father is about one part of a year younger than I and is all worn out, nice old man and was in visiting us last night, you will find us much older when you see us, and of course you will be an old bachelor all set in ~~his~~ ^{your} ways, may be we will tire you by being set in our ways. However, go on enjoy yourself on your world hike, it is better now than it will be later. You will find that Travelogues get stale whe the actual scenes are only memories, then the people you remember here will be fewer, we know about the half of the church folks, just the old timers. Rev. A Kime, is off sick, and I have preached ~~once~~ in his pulpit, he is ordered off for complete rest, perhaps a month. I am not called for the 15th. so ^{some} other Baptist is likely to be in charge. The Lenten Services will be on soon, I have promised for one in the LDS church March 11th. if the course goes thru? Mr Kime is the push for these services, now he is laid aside, others may not be so much interested. Evelyn & Eric, and the Kinter may visit us here in March, the date not yet set. Alice & family are still at Dixie, all well, I guess, Catherine & family all well too, Warren, is recovering from FLU. Clarence Welkes, wife JO. is planning to go to Holland this spring, but this tragedy of Floods may deter ~~her~~, but we may see her and the children if she passes thru here. Now I guess I will switch off here, this may be waiting for you when you return. This leaves, well just now.

Best of the best for you as you go. As ever, Your Father.

William M. Leonard.