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Dear Wesley, Your voluminous 25 page letter arrived here on Oct. 9th. took 2 hours to read, full of day by day doings and your Mother has gone into the big task of replying so I will not interfere with the lucidity of her replies to points you have dealt with. I am not so well to-day and am writing this instead of going up town to the P.O. My leg is not very well I feel my left knee bothering me so will ease off from walking for this pm.

Then there is indications that my Prostate Gland trouble is beginning to show itself, this will mean an operation and the expense will have to be carefully planned. However, I am not worrying much I am getting older, more prone to these kind of signs of break-up.

I am much exercised about your emotional upset with regard to the Missionary Work in the Solomon Islands you are considering. Of course you know that going into God's work demands unconditional surrender; you will recall the dialogue between Christ and the man who wanted FIRST to go and bury his Father, (Luke 9:59-62.) and Christ's reply to him. You know your own first plans, the World Tour, your Motor Cycle, your Music, your Photography, your Celibacy, etc. etc.

I was much uplifted when I first learned of your call, the NEED IS THE CALL, and later, the humbug of Officialdom that blocks your way. I had something of the same handicaps to block me, but when I was sure I dropped everything and went to the West China work in 1913, put in 12 years, on that work, came home hoping to get into the ministry, but the Iron Gate was locked for me.

Your Pen Pal. Rev. Arthur Mead, is getting something of the same rough handling, discouragement, that has plunged him into the FOG, or SMOKE SCREEN put up by the HIGH PRIESTS, I am not giving you any advice, I am only telling you the kind of RAW DEAL they gave me.

Now enough of this, I will deal with some other of things pending, I will look for that Victory Bond, you say is in my Safety Deposit Box, also that W.S.C. and if I find them I will get their value credited to your account in the B.of M. Our old Mantel Clock that we got as a wedding present 44 yrs ago has given up the ghost, we have been figuring how to replace the striking clock, we have asked Eaton, but nothing we want, and things are too high in price, I have your old Electric Clock in a box here, it died too!!

I am busy just now making a table for your Mother out of that wonderful WALNUT that was grown at the Maples, quite a task, all hand work and slow. Your Aunt Evelyn & Uncle Herb, were here over the week-end 16, 17, & 18th. had a nice time, Herb's fine Packard, runs fine and smooth. My birthday is on the 23rd. I will be 83 yrs then, it is also Hildegard's 3rd birthday. Your Mother will 80 on Jan. 25th so you see this is up-to-date news. Bert is head push in Winnipeg, he has been on tour of the T.V. stations out West, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, etc. Bruce Lehman said he got a letter from you, Bruce Ferguson, was asking for you, Fred, was in here last night also asking for you. I am not getting much supply work, no car is a big shut-off there. I preached here on Sept. 5th. on the theme, " The Winner is Dressed in White " Rev. 3:5. and again at Courtland on Oct. 10th. Theme, for Harvest Home, "A Harvest from a Handful " Psalm 72:16.

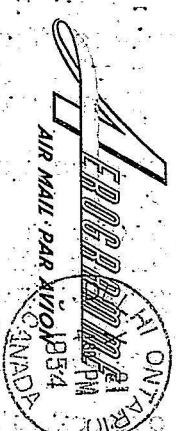
There has been a big flood, north of Toronto at a place called Holland Marsh, our church got to work on relief, we sent some of our clothes to help the sufferers. Local news is, Mr J.W. Ackerman is very sick, Mr Wesley Gray, also sick, the Cohoe's are still to the fore, but very weak, Herb Best, works for the Flemish Motors, just next to Corners (South) - We have an invitation to go to the Maples by a new route to us, straight on No 3, thru Talbotville to EAGLE, nr Wallacetown, Herb could meet the BUS there, just about 15miles from the Maples. but we have to plan this. All well at Winnipeg, Wilford is slowly recovering, All well at Ottawa soon be H.J.H.s birthday. Your Mother is well, I am still able to wiggle around. I sent you a Building Trades Pocket Book, also your Mechanic's Certificate, your Mothers' AM Letter was mailed yesterday, so you may get these two letters at once. There is a thought that has just occurred again to me, that is, FRED, would be a good man to sell your outfit here if you are appointed to the Solomon Islands, just a suggestion I have ^{no} spoken to him, you can take up this matter with him by correspondence if you feel like it.

Now I must wind up, or I will tire you out,
As ever Your Father.

William M. Leonard

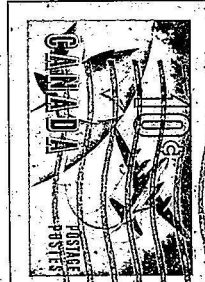
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