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Dear Dudley

I greatly appreciated your letter which came during the summer, and the pamphlet which followed it a few weeks later. I had hoped to see your folks during the summer but we didn't make it though I have had word from your mother several times by letters. We often speak of you when we hear Guy Lombardo's orchestra which is one of Margaret's favorites. Margaret is our oldest and hence your second cousin once removed.

Trips to New York are not on our schedule. We were quite close run this summer and so a trip to Turkey Run or the Dunes was our limit. Margaret and Richard each had a week or ten days in a Y.M.C.A. camp and I spent two weeks in a work camp in Southwestern Pennsylvania where I got my expenses for leading some discussions on the Social Implications of Jesus' teachings. It was a very interesting experience - between 40 and 50 people at labor preparing the ground for homesteaders, chiefly ex-miners who are being returned to the land. We were putting in the water system, building houses and chicken houses and I spent about a week in the sandstone quarry getting out stone and feeding the crusher. There was a steady stream of group leaders coming and going. While I was there, there was the man in charge of the Quaker Center in Paris, the Pittsburg director of the Labor Relations Board, a member of the N.Y. A. and the organizer of the Volunteers for Peace, Pierre Ceresole, of whom you perhaps know. It would be fine to talk with you about all this. Writing is so slow and it is difficult to explain what your reader may most want to know.

I came back in time for our Freshman Camp which I have taken charge of for the Purdue Religious Council for several years. We had 81 freshman there this year - 3 days of discussions and recreation before starting in the university. Upper classmen, faculty members and student pastors help out.

We keep a good deal of music going at home. Winifred and I gave a two piano recital on the Campus last Sunday. I broadcast a quarter hour of Bach Preludes and Figures on Thursday. Margaret plays violin in the high school orchestra. Richard has first cello chair and plays the bassoon in the band. Bruce is doing very well for a little fellow on the piano and Winifred plays bass in a women's string ensemble.

Purdue is a very militaristic locality - compulsory R.O.T.C. for two years. Consequently, we know some of the problems that peach workers are up against. I am to conduct a series of six study meetings in peace beginning next month. It is very important but it will not make much impression I fear. How well the militarists have everything under control for their propoganda! Today the Magic Key program played up the Navy. What can we do to meet such glorification of force?

With best regards

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