

Frietol

Apr. 15th

My very dear Mr. Belden:

Your beautiful letter
came to us last evening

and I write at once

to thank you for the
spiritual uplift which
it brought to us all.

Oh! how much the Lord
has taught you in
these three years and

how well you have
learned your lesson of
faith and trust.

I also had an opportunity to speak to
Lottie & Louise Giggis and will do so
& others whom I know will gladly
join their prayers to ours. Is it
possible that you have refrained
from asking for recovery all this
time? I cannot understand it,
and yet I do understand it, enough
to admire and wonder at the
heights you have reached. It really
seems as if the time had come
when such a prayer for your
complete recovery would be answered -
and we shall all earnestly plead for it.
If it could come in answer to prayer,
it would be as wonderful a lesson
& as all, as your life has been during
these years of trial, and I sometimes
wonder at the blessing which has
been given to me in the privilege
of your friendship.
I am beginning to see dimly that

It will be no need to urge
for me to pray for your
complete recovery, for I
have done it steadily
for three years and will
continue to do so with
increased earnestness
now that others are to
join in the same
request. Mrs Richardson
read your letter dear
letter before church
this morning, for I sit
beside her now in her
old seat. and she was
very much affected by it.

We have very wrong
standards about many
things - and wonder
if these industrial
troubles will bring about
an overthrow of the old
order of things. I am
almost expecting a modern
French revolution.

It is very hard to hold
fast to the idea of "his
being kindness" when
one sees such inequality
& suffering - yet what
could we do without it
the relief I mean.

You spoke of Mrs Potter in
one of your former letters
has anyone told you of
her dreadful illness this
winter? She came
home, sick with a bad
cold & has hardly left
her room since - and
for the past few months
has not been herself
mentally - she is a little
better in body now but
not in mind.

I have not seen her
since she has seen
you - for she has been ill
all the time.

I trust you are all as well as usual
I am distressed to learn of rheumatism
in your knee - These harsh winds
in April must be trying. Grandma
has had a crick in her back for
three weeks. I trust that the daily
strength which has been sent to
dear Mrs. Balden is continuing and
that she is not more tired. Mean-
while - Please give our love to her
please and be assured of our
constant prayers for you all.

Very truly yours -

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