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My Dear Old Pal,

It is two weeks since you wrote, but truly this is my very first chance to write. This first month of school has been exceedingly busy for me. Our school is smaller this year, largely because of financial hardships and partly because of the great calamity that has befallen us. We have now close to 130 if not entirely that many. Yes we are deeply grieved over the loss of Bro. B. It is awful when our leaders fall into sin. He was guilty of fornication, and that automatically cuts one off from the congregation according to the Bible. And since he could be restored only by making a public confession, the matter really did have to become public. How we wish it could have been fixed up privately. At first I thought it should have been, but I see now that it could not be. Oh, how satan delights in getting our leaders to fall. But God has a lesson for us I am sure. We must not depend on, or look up too much to any man. Man may fail. God is true, and we must depend on Him alone. It has been a terrible blow. Real true friends of the school are standing by us, but the enemy is making use of the occasion. I think some are hoping it will kill the school. But I think if God wants a school here he will see to it that it stands if the rest of us are true and trust Him. Oh you

must pray for us earnestly - I know you do - We must depend more on God.

And poor Ruth was the victim!! How can a father do it! She was helpless and innocent and it was a matter of having to submit to the wishes of her father. So she is not teaching this winter. We were willing (the faculty I mean) to let her go on, but people around said they would not send their children if she taught. They are having a smaller faculty now, and we all had to load up heavy to save expense. I teach Algebra I 8 hours (2 sections) German I 4 hours, German II 4 hours, Physical Education 4 hours, and am Study Hall supervisor, which is counted equivalent to four hours of teaching. So you see I have no time to waste. I spend considerable time out of class giving private help to the youngsters. Sundays I superintend the Intermediate Department of S.S. I enjoy it very much. I am sponsor for the freshman class. They are a fine class this year I think. not so many 13 and 14 year olds. Some of them are from 19 to 22 years old.

That makes them a bit easier to manage.

I didn't go to church this evening. It is cool & damp. The folks did not want to go, and I want to go to bed right soon and sleep with the hot w. bottle by me for comfort.

Mother isn't feeling so well today. I think she worked too much this past week. We had sewing circle here on Thursday. Then Saturday is such a busy day here. I have to wash Saturdays, then there is all the other usual Sat. work too. She wants to help me and sometimes does more than her strength permits. So she stayed at home to rest today. When it is wet Father doesn't care to go at night. He is past 83 now and mother is 79 past. I think they do well for their age, but you can never tell how suddenly an old person will make a change.

I am enclosing a letter for you that was sent out from here to ministers & officials of the church. Our Pastor gave it to me to send to anyone I thought should have it. I must close now. Hope to hear from you again. May God bless you and give you the wisdom to train your children for His service.

Your friend and old Pal

Esther Good.