

Dearest Darling -

Thursday
Mar 1st

I've got lots to tell you this time - as usual. Only more so. P. is fine if not a little spoilt & quite demanding of attention - esp. wants to be carried & played with. I feel the new baby after now - even when sitting or standing, & once while walking. I notice the same thing again as last time - my ankles turn over & hurt me on rocks tho' I always am careful of picking my way around the roads. P. taught me that I shouldn't gain too much so I'm taking it cautiously. or rice, buns, etc but eat my potatoes for mineral content. I'm fond of veg. & fruit so I eat an orange & apple a day. I guess I'll have to stay after the new baby & get my hemorrhoid cut & sewed - Dr. said 6 weeks after birth I can have it done. That will mean a hot summer here - but it's better to stay longer, & get all I can & should attend to. From convenience & financial standpoint I should. Dave (I saw him for 1 1/2 hrs. today) says it's advisable to because of the Dr. shortage in SF & the packed hospitals. Sen Du Murata is doing swell & will teach at McShay Dental School again. Shortage of teachers too. Dave said you were going to paint the interior. Is that right - or are you going to do the ceiling of the living room? I rather thought that, than the woodwork. Woodwork is a big job & involves joint remover, etc, & filler for cracks, etc etc first before the paint job, in order to get it on smooth & flat, bec. much of the prominent corners etc are chipped of old paint presenting a pretty uneven surface. What are you doing every day?

I've done a lot of visiting the last 2 days - e.g. yesterday & today. I heard something I'd like to tell you regards Helen. You know how the strangest people know things about one's own kinfolk we ourselves don't know - there were 2 girls waiting at where I went & one was called - Ikeda as I recall & don't remember the other except as Toki - unless it was Toki or something else. One of them said she or her sister writes to that Shikuzama girl who is Helen's best friend. And the Shikuzama girl says Helen is going steady with a boy named Kay in Salt Lake City, meet his relatives, & is ready to run off & marry him.

acc. to Helen's letter to the Shikuzawa girl. Maybe you know
all this — & didn't tell me. Maybe it's something you
"forgot". But I just want you to know I know now too.
And this is the way I got it. It's bona fide & straight.
The girl was very clear & not carried away by excite-
ment at all but was a rare intelligent girl.

That Helen confides everything by letter to the
Shikuzawa girl — that Helen cherishes gifts on her &
her mother's in monogrammed gifts & so on. They both
confide in each other. The Shikuzawa girl goes
steady with a boy who is eligible to leave camp so
she wants to get married & run off but decided to
wait until spring. The boy jiro or Shiro or someone is
willing to wait but he is younger than she so she wants
it quick. Well Helen wrote her she wanted to marry Kay re-
gardless of you & didn't intend to get it spoiled this time.
So the Shikuzawa girl wrote Helen last month and told her
to be sensible & ~~she~~ respect her brother's wishes because just
think being a minister's daughter is different from her own
position & but that even she was listening to her mother &
let it go until spring. But that Kay must be a nice
boy & they hope the two are getting along D.K. & if he's
her choice he must be OK & sure to get brother's approval,
so don't run off that way.

Now if Helen readily came away with you & was
willing to go to Mas if he'd take her as you persuaded, some-
thing must have happened to this other, or else she is a quick
switcher to take advantage of a good offer or what I don't
know — or did you bring her back here & leave her in Japan
to take her away from this other because you knew or heard
before, or found out this in Salt Lake or what. She hasn't
breathed a word of anything except a boy gave her this or that
the last time she was here with Maiba, that she didn't come
home until 3 or 4 etc but this time just showed me a 7 oz
bottle of Escape perfume a boy gave her & told Papa you
can't invite boys over to dinner or entertain boys if you have a
crabby landlord who won't let them stay after 12:30 & if they're
noisy complain, if quiet, suspects the worst. So make of this what
you want. Maybe you know all about it, I don't know. But I thought
I'd tell you what I knew. Are you letting her stay in Salt Lake City?
Love, Dominic

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Miss. Harada, if "yes," wants
wedding in New York
with Martha as witness.

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