

Letter to Anna 1914:

Kristiania 16-10-1914

Dear Mother!!

Thank you for the letter I received this summer it has not been that I have written back sooner I can let you know that we are all doing fine, we have been to the countryside this summer so we have had a good time.

One does not know how well one is when one gets to be healthy. I see from your letter that Maggie has not been well, I hope you are all healthy and are doing well. How grown and handsome Maggie's boys (turn page)

are yes time passes by. Carsten is soon 10 years old he is tall but skinny but he is healthy. We have had much festivity this summer there has been a fantastic exhibition but now it is closed there have been many from Trondhjem visiting Anne Ekren has also been here and many familiar from home. But it has been quite expensive to have so many strangers /visitors.

Yes, dear Mother, we live in serious times it is terrible how that war is raging. It is good for as long as it can pass us by, but it is quite expensive here, but we have to be happy as long as (turn page) there is food to buy.

It is hard to get work here, many factories that cannot get materials so they stop. Yes, God alone knows how it will turn out with this war. It is not easy to run the business it is so hard to get the money in, but you have to be happy as long as you earn enough to live. Because as long as we have food and clothes we should be happy says the Lord. It is good to belong to the Lord. Soon he comes who shall come and he shall not Lord helps us to be ready when he comes. (turn page)

The house rent is so expensive in this city. I wish I had a small house of my own outside the city and had a small garden to work in because I have a good life often I am well when I am my own boss.

May God bless my work because without his blessing it is wasted.

I better stop for now. Give my regards to my dear Maggie. I often think it would be nice to see you, but there is not possible to do that when one has no money.

With love, regards from your son Martin

You are greeted many times from my wife and children.