

Letter to Anna 1916:

Kristiania 13-12-1916

Dear Mother!

Thanks you so much for the most welcome letter and the money you sent us. I can greet you that we all live well and are healthy all of us. God is to have the honor and praise for it all. It is his grace and mercy that we are spared from the war and its horrors though we have not deserved it because the ungodliness is great also here in Kristiania. (turn page)

We have had a mild winter almost no snow and that was good as firewood is so expensive. Very expensive to live. 1 loaf of bread is 50 øre, meat is very expensive app. 4 kr per kilo. Housing is very difficult for a lot of people and they live in unhealthy places. But we have to find comfort in knowing that there are those who are worse. It is plenty of work and good profit. I think my business will do well this year (turn page)

When one has the health and a job we shall not complain. The kids are starting to grow up Karsten is 11 years old big/tall and handsome Helene is 7 years old and in school Leif is 4 years old tomorrow time passes and we have to go with it.

I am 45 years old now and I guess you are 75. I am so happy that you are in god health and can be up doing your work. Magi has lost her oldest son it has been so long since I heard (turn page) anything from Maggi I hope she is healthy and well. You have to give her my greetings and ask her to write me soon I don't seem to have her address.

I wish you a very nice Christmas.

Loving greetings from all of us.

God bless you and strengthen you the time he still wants you to live.

With love, regards from your son

Martin

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