

## Letter to Margrethe 1904:

Christiania May 20 1904

Dear Sister!

Many thanks for your dear/most welcome letter it was fun to hear from you I see you have changed address maybe that is why you have not received my letters, I must congratulate you with Selma, (it is a Swedish name) you are many in the family now yes it is a blessing as one says, you thought I was married I have not been so unfortunate yet (continues on page 3 in the .pdf)

but now it is time to start marrying if I shall get hold of anyone I can be proud of that I have been quite popular with the Ladies by the way I don't look so old, they guess 26 years so I don't have difficulties in getting a lady I have had a lot of fun but now I start getting too old I don't enjoy dancing and being in the theatre I have been there many times this winter and seen (continues on page 4 in the .pdf)

many fun plays. You probably haven't had so much fun being married so early. Yes, many times I wish that if I was married I it would be more quiet/calmer and better if one only could get oneself a good wife and kind but then it is so difficult one can be unemployed and ill and there are many difficulties, yes enough about that that time that sorrow. (the last four word are a common expression for not to take worries in advance) now we have had 17<sup>th</sup> of May that day there is quite a bit of cheering here the stores are closed and

Best regards M. O. Tesli Herslebsgt. 10 (continues on page 2 in the .pdf)

Everyone are off work I was at the festivity performance at the Central theatre and had a very good time, had you been here Maggi you will most likely never come to Norway again by the way here is nothing to do anyway there are bad times

It is a fairly late spring this year and has been quite chilly the leaves on the trees are not fully out yet but now it has to get better soon

I am running Bicycle in the summer and it is quite fresh (can also mean chilly or vigorous) because it is unhealthy here in Xania so you need fresh air. I have to stop for this time.

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I congratulate you on your birthday. It is god that you are married.

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Give my regards to my mother and your husband and all the children.

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Do you get any letters from Marie and Marthe? I don't know anything about them.