

Staranger April 4.

The Lord shall guide thee  
continually.... Isa. 58:11

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Dear all at home in Canada:

This may sound as if I am home sick but it is not the case, it will be nice to hear from home one of these days.

I hardly know where to start as we have been kept busy visiting. It was wonderful to come to Norway and especially here to Tostad.

They are so good to us and as far as the food goes we get every bit as good as at home & a little better at times. Now during the Easter holidays it has been extra special. Alfred, Sofie & Marie came & met us. They gave me a lovely bouquet of Easter lillies. Alfred got 2 taxis to go home as it was too early for the bus and Tobias & Karen also come out here with us, Petre was home and had breakfast ready for us. Jennie is not so very well but she is up around and looks better every day. (nerves) We go back & forth to eat but we sleep here at Alfreds as it was

anged. We have Sofie + Alfreds  
Bed room with twin beds but  
we have them close together and  
Sofie had to pin the feather beds  
together because pa lost his the first  
night and had to call to me to warm  
him up. She has put extra blankets  
on so now we sleep like logs. The  
heating system (how do you spell it) is  
not so good. The heaters they have  
is for hooks and they have only  
wood, and for cooking they have  
an electric stove but can't use  
the current more than 3 or 4 hrs  
pr day so it is hard to even make  
meals. Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> we went  
to the Dom Church where pa was  
baptised Fri to Hetland where they  
belong, and we also went to see  
the graves. Easter Sunday we were  
in Petri Church. The pipe organs  
are so nice or rather the music.  
but what I liked best of all was the  
Chimes it played: Han lever  
han er ikke lever i graven  
jeg leverde saa han i haven.  
and other Easter hymns. It  
was so beautiful.

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Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth  
us with benefits.... Ps. 68:19

Good Friday Mr & Mrs. Mele came  
to see us. It was so nice to see  
them again. Michal is married  
and also Anna. We plan to go  
out to see them on Sunday.  
To Sola. Jonas will know where  
it is. Towards evening Cousin  
Hannah Melhus and her son in law  
from Stavanger came to see us.  
She is a sister to Tobias and is a  
very nice lady. We have met  
several of Dad's friends they have  
called & think it is so wonderful  
that I can talk Norwegian. Alfred  
flatter me so much and teas  
pa, to think he could get such a  
--- --- etc, etc. Naturally I think  
he is nice too. Alfred's wife is  
very active has copper ~~colored~~  
hair. She and pa get along very  
nice. She has a sense of humor  
too. Yesterday I had my hair done  
also Sophie, we were in to see  
Marie, you should see all

The cloth she has waiting to be made up. Petre is home now as Jennie is not so well and not able to be alone. Marie had only 2 girls helping to sew now.

later on or in the after noon Pa. came to town and we went to see Mr. Hunt's sister & her

husband they were very well and it was nice to meet them. Sofie had to go home then so Pa & I went to see Mr. Tyrold's

sister and her husband. We thought she was very nice, she reminded us of Mabel only her

hair was snow white. She gave us plum sauce & gorage cakes

the best we have had yet, and asked us to come again when

she could have us for a meal.

When we came back in the evening they had company waiting

to see us! Bernice Hallands Aunt and her daughter. They

invited us for Sat. evening.

Blessed is that man that maketh  
the Lord his trust . . . Ps. 40:4

Today so far Pa helped Alfred in  
the morning and about 11 o'clock  
here comes a man off the bus to  
see us and it was Lars Dale on  
his way to Christiansan to take  
<sup>3 mo</sup> a course, I believe it must  
be normal, he is going to teach  
english. He stayed here for dinner  
and it was very interesting to see  
him again he looks just the same  
they have a daughter about 10 yrs  
his wife is still teaching and now  
he will also have a steady job  
~~at least he had only been~~ <sup>sub-</sup>  
stituting. He seemed to enjoy the  
photos & also the album of snaps.  
We plan to go to Skudesnes <sup>before</sup>  
long but it is rather cold and  
raw. Today Pa is out with  
Jacob Jacobson to look around  
I thought I would rather

write and be quiet this afternoon.  
Sofie went in to town she  
is lecturing on School Kitchens.  
They have a school kitchen here.  
Yesterday we got a new  
girl or (huskylp) her name  
is Ruth she is one year younger  
than our Ruth would have  
been. Just now Alfred came  
home with a drung or hired  
man as we say. So they  
should have lots of help.

Tomorrow at 8-15 Sofie  
starts to teach again un-  
til out in June! She is very  
smart, but we seem to get  
along O.K. We are wondering  
if Olga will come this summer  
or not. We have not seen Ejesdals  
since we got off the boat they  
are likely out in the country.  
They planned to come out here  
to see us.