

DEAR IDA ROSE,

I HAVE OWED YOU A LETTER FOR SOMETIME NOW. OUR LAST TWO LETTERS HAVE CROSSED AND SO I HAVN'T ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ASKED IN YOUR LETTERS SINCE I HAD ALREADY MAILED ONE OF TO YOU. I HAVE RECEIVED ONE PACKAGE IS ALL (A CROCHETED DRESS WHICH I GAVE TO PAT HIGBEE). I SUPPOSE THE OTHER PKGS. YOU HAVE MAILED WILL ARRIVE EVENTUALLY. I THINK PAT HAD RECEIVED TWO OR THREE DRESSES.

IN YOUR LAST LETTER YOU ASKED ME TO WRITE AND TELL YOU ALL ABOUT MY SURGERY. I HAD JUST WRITTEN TO YOU AND TOLD YOU I HAD HAD IT BUT DIDN'T GO INTO ANY DETAILS, WHICH YOU ASKED FOR. I HAD A HYSTORECTOMY AND BLADDER REPAIR. I HAD A D&C A YEAR BEFORE AND HE TOLD ME THEN I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE THE SURGERY EVENTUALLY. MY PERIODS KEPT GETTING CLOSER AND HARDER AND THAT IS WHY HE WENT AHEAD. I GOT A- LONG PRETTY WELL I THINK. I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR ALMOST A WEEK. I STAYED DOWN PRETTY WELL THE FIRST WEEK I WAS HOME. THE THING THAT SET ME BACK SOME WAS THAT I HAD A COUSIN AND HER FAMILY COME FROM CALIF. AND STAY WITH US FOR A WEEK (AND IT HAD ONLY BEEN $3\frac{1}{2}$ WEEKS SINCE MY SURGERY.) ANYWAY I COOKED MEALS FOR 9 PEOPLE ALL WEEK AND BY THE TIME THEY LEFT I HAD HAD IT. OF COURSE BECKY AND LAMAR HELPED ME ALOT, BUT IT WAS STILL HARD WITH JUST THE CONFUSION AND SO MANY AROUND SO LONG. THE ONLY REAL TROUBLE I HAVE HAD SINCE THE SURGERY IS WITH MY BLADDER. I HAVE HAD PRESSURE AND DISCOMFORT AND PAIN EVER SINCE, AND MOST OF THE TIME I HAVE A HARD TIME EMPTYING MY BLADDER. IT HAS BEEN QUITE MISERABLE, AND HOPE IT WILL SOON END. I AM UP EVERY HOUR EVERY NIGHT TO GO TO THE BATHROOM SO I DON'T GET MUCH SLEEP. MY DOCTOR SENT ME TO A UROLOGIST AND HE DILATED AND HAS HAD ME ON SOME MEDICATION EVER SINCE AND JUST SAYS LET NATURE TAKE IT'S COURSE. IT WILL BE 4 MONTHS ON JULY 9. YOU ASKED IF I HAVE HAD ANY DEPRESSION, AND IF MY OVARIES ARE PRODUCING ESTROGEN. HE DID A COMPLETE SO REMOVED THE OVARIES AS WELL AS MY UTERUS. HE SAID AT MY AGE THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO NEED OF LEAVING THEM. I HAD SOME DEPRESSION AND CRYING JAGS THE FIRST WEEK I WAS HOME AND STILL DO ONCE IN A GREAT WHILE, BUT HE HAS ME TAKE PREMARINE EVERY DAY AND THAT SEEMS TO CONTROL IT. HE SAID IF I HAVE ANY HOT FLASHES I SHOULD INCREASE THE PREMRINE. I GET TIRED REALLY EASILY, BUT I'M SLOWLY GETTING MY STRENGTH BACK. YES, I'M REALLY GLAD BECKY WAS WITH ME, SHE WAS A BIG HELP.

I TOLD YOU NORMA BROADBENT HAD THIS SURGERY ABOUT 6 WEEKS AGO. SHE HAS REALLY STAYED DOWN AND TAKEN GOOD CARE OF HERSELF, AND HASN'T REALLY BEEN ANYWHERE YET. YES, I STILL HAVE THE PINCHING, PULLING, AND PAIN IN THE BACKS OF MY LEGS, FROM THE MILOGRAM THAT I HAD. IT IS NO BETTER AND NO WORSE, SEEMS TO JUST BE STAYING THE SAME. IT WILL BE 9 MONTHS ON THE 5TH OF JULY, SO IT MAKES ME WONDER NOW IF IT WILL EVER GO AWAY. THE RADIOLOGIST THAT TOOK THE TEST AT THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN REAL CONCERNED AND SENT ^{ME} TO A NEUROSURGEON IN SALT LAKE AND PAID FOR MY VISIT. HE FEELS THAT THE TROUBLE IS SEVERE NERVE ROOT DAMAGE, AND/OR AN ENTRAPPED NERVE THAT WAS CAUSED WHEN REMOVING THE DYE FROM MY SPINE. HE SAYS THIS IS JUST SPECULATION. THE ONLY THING HE CAN DO IS TAKE ANOTHER MILOGRAM AND MAYBE TAKE A LITTLE SECTION OUT OF MY SPINE. HE SAID TO THINK ABOUT IT AND IF I DECIDED TO HAVE IT ^{DOWN} TO GO BACK UP. IT WAS RIGHT AFTER THAT I FOUND I HAD TO HAVE SURGERY SO THE OTHER HAS SORT OF TAKEN A BACK SEAT FOR AWHILE. HOWEVER I DON'T THINK I COULD BRING MYSELF TO HAVING ANOTHER MILOGRAM AND HAVE THEM MESS AROUND WITH MY SPINE. IT COULD MAYBE CAUSE MORE DAMAGE, AS THERE IS NO GUARANTEE. I'VE ABOUT HAD IT WITH DOCTORS. WELL I'LL BET YOU'RE SORRY YOU ASKED ABOUT MY PROBLEMS, AND GOT MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR. BOY IT'S BEEN HARD HAVING YOU GONE THROUGH ALL THIS.

YOU PROBABLY RECEIVE THE WARD PAPER, SO KEEP UP ON ALL THE WARD NEWS. WE'VE HAD ALOT OF MISSIONARIES RETURN AND SEVERAL LEAVING. DID YOU KNOW THAT HAROLD GOODMAN IS REPLACING BEN LEWIS AS MISSION PRESIDENT IN HYDE PARK, IN LONDON.?

I HOPE THE WORK IS GOING WELL FOR YOU AND THAT IT ISN'T TOO DISCOURAGING. I'M SURE YOU'RE HAVING ALOT OF INTERESTING EXPERIENCES GOOD, AND BAD. I KNOW YOU WILL TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE THERE WITH YOUR SWEET SPIRITS AND TESTIMONIES.

DID YOU KNOW THAT PAT HIGBEE IS EXPECTING? I THINK IT IS DUE THE END OF SEPT. BROWNINGS HAD A BABY BOY ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. JULIE THOMAS HAD A BABY GIRL LAST WEEK. WE SAW NANCY FOR JUST A MINUTE DOWN AT REAMS AND SHE SAID SHE HAD A BABY GIRL. I'LL BET IT WAS HARD ON YOU TO BE AWAY AT THAT TIME, AND NOT GET TO SEE THE BABY. WE'D SURE LIKE TO SEE HER. SHE SAID SHE WOULD BRING HER OVER SOMETIME.

WE HAD OUR WARD CAMPOUT LAST FRI. NIGHT AND IT WAS PRETTY FUN, ALTHOUGH THERE WERN'T TOO MANY WHO STAYED OVER NIGHT. LAMAR HAD TO GO TO WORK AT 11 FOR GRAVEYARD SO WE COULDN'T STAY. WE ARE ON THE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE SO HELPED PLAN IT AND FIX THE FOOD. WOOPS LOOKS LIKE I'M RUNNING OUT OF SPACE SO BETTER CLOSE.

I couldn't type this bottom line - Hope you're both well. We love you & miss you. The greenhouse is fine love Elaine

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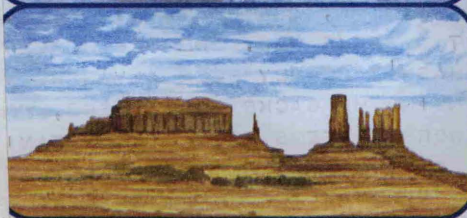
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