

St Paul, Minn

12-22-18

Dear Sophie:-

Received your letter and cannot mention in words how I felt when I read your letter, stating that your sister Mildred had passed away. and what a vacant space it must be without dear Mildred. Do believe the Lord thought Mildred too good, willing and faithful to be here on earth. Sent a small spray of flowers and was wondering whether they reached C.C in time.

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Do think that I was too excited to read straight, as I ordered the flowers for Friday afternoon. When I had returned from town re-read the letter again and then noticed that the funeral was Thurs.

Received two letters from Oscar Saturday and stated he was feeling good, and then I thought to myself if Oscar only knew that his sister had died. No Sophie will not mention same, and consider it wise not to. Oscar said something about your brother at Baltimore not feeling well and do hope that he has recovered by this time. How is Gustav and Axel? A girl friend of mine Mrs Hall and her husband died from the Flu last week and left two small children. She died on Sat. and Mr Hall on Sun. so neither one knew at the time that they were dying. Mrs Hall (Ethel Hanson) was confirmed with me in 1907.

Just returned from choir practice and said to Mother a letter was going to be written to Sophie before I retire tonight. You will be rather surprised if I tell you what hour of the night it is. Well after practicing Joe

and myself walked down to Ruth Frost's place, from there stopped onto Olson's and it is now 11:20. Today which is Sunday, was spent mostly in church. Nine o'clock and 10:45 church. Went home for dinner and returned at 2:00 for the children's practice, home for supper and back again at 6:30 for choir practice.

Do you remember Ellen Sandin; her mother was taken down with the flu yesterday. Suppose Joe mentioned in her letter that her brother had been gassed. Learned today he is now out of the hospital and expects to be home for New Year's. Oscar was saying in his last letter the day could not come too soon for him to be released. Here's hoping he will be able to return soon. Wish to thank you for your invitation and will keep some in store. Here's hoping this letter finds you and the rest in good health. I am sincerely  
Gertrude J