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Dear Mother;

Last Saturday (mail day) was a pleasurable one for me. The letters received were very interesting. Now I am in another place. I must tell you how I am located. Sister Hilt brought me up to this room yesterday. I have a good bed. There is a table, wardrobe, a rug by the bedside-the floor is concrete-the walls are white and the room has two windows. It reminds me of the boy's room home. The house is two story; is built on the slope of Mt. Caramel in Palestine. There are vineyards and olive and figs or chards all along the hillside. The gentler slope of the mountain extends to the sea. Brother Robinson and I enjoy the grapes; the grape season has almost ended. Brother Hilt has ever so many gallons of wine; he also has figs and is now preparing almond nuts for the market. Last night when I came to bed there was water, soap, a clean towel to use; this morning, besides a comfortable bed. And I was really in the home of a saint. was thankful to my Heavenly Father; and pleased that I was worthy of receiving blessings the same blessing that my parents have administered to others both at home and in foreign lands. I thought rewards of Parents fall upon their children. Am glad my Father's house has been one of hospitality to a saint or sinner, friend or foe.

I hope the boys and children will study the true way of making everyone feel at home. To do it they will have to practice at home, where they have an abundance of opportunities; and imag-

ine themselves in the same circumstances and stations in which those are whom they are called to entertain, whether tramp, lecturer, school teacher or something else, treating every person with the same consideration they should receive and expect to receive if they were in the same position. When we become able to show due respect to the people we meet and can do it under all circumstances we will be true gentlemen or ladies. I write so as I wish Eugene and Nathan, when you have company or when they do, or when any of the family have company to cultivate their ability of entertaining company. And be observing and make use of the observation gained. Every little helps and is highly prized when it is needed for use. Besides "bread cast upon the water" is highly prized when it is needed for use. You