De Bruin, Koosje Acquoy, Gelderland - Grand Haven, Michigan K. de Bruin to Johannes van Doorne (1870)

July

Dear brother-in-law, sister and children. It has been a long time and much has happened in the meantime since I wrote last. First of all the good Lord thought it wise to take away through death my dear youngest and although I was so happy with his birth because it was such a beautiful boy, still what the Lord does is well done; it only lived for 10 weeks. And now I will let you know about my breast. It is, through God's goodness completely healed which was not expected at all. I had already accepted a certain death, for wherever I went or which doctor I asked for advice, the answer was that it was incurable. At Eastertime I proposed to the doctor in our congregation that, if it were possible to take away the breast, but he did not dare to comfort me with this but answered that he really pitied my situation because I was so young to leave my five children behind. But from that moment on he did not stop thinking about this. I had, however, never expressed the hope I still had for my recovery. I was determined to submit myself to divine providence and in all things to respect his inscrutable and perfect will. When I was by myself, I recalled what I had earlier read and trusted that I would see again the temple of his holiness. Psalm 138 that the Lord is as trustworthy as strong...... this all was a great comfort to me. At last our doctor came to the big decision to take away the breast at my house. Wednesday evening at six o'clock on June 3rd was the time that this should take place.

Our whole village was in uproar as if there was to be sacrifice. I have received much comfort from the fact that so many people were interested in my restoration but above all I received help from on high. In full trust that Jesus Christ is my only and true healer, who would be near me in everything did I joyfully go to the table where I would loose my young blood.

The doctors were very much surprised to see me in such a state and thought at first that I had a nervous breakdown but everything went as well as can be expected. When I was on the table I was gently placed into a state of unconsciousness. After working on me for two and a half hours I regained consciousness again. I never felt any pain and for the rest of my life I hope never to forget that the Lord was so gracious and near to me. Aunt Mieke was dead scared that after having been together for eleven years we would now have to part.

Aunt Mieke will put some flower seed in here. We hope that you and your children will receive this in good health. Many heartfelt greetings from all of us. We remain with love your ever loving sister Koosje and G. J. de Bruin. Give our greetings also to your son Cornelis and his family and your daughter Mieke and her husband Malinus van Doorne.

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