

from K Sybesma?

Sybesma, B.

To relatives in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.

Franeker, April 1975

Dear Cousins and further Family,

We received the letter in health and we read that everything is well with you all. Now that is a privilege, especially if one becomes older and sees the children growing up and that they are doing well too. We can never be thankful enough for it. Compared to our age of more than 84 years we are doing good ourselves. We are grateful for it, if one notices how many young people die due to heartdiseases, many between 40-60 years. We too lost a son in law because of cerebral hemorrhage, 64 years old and we have another son in law who has a heartdisease, 64 years old as well. He has not been able to work for two years. Otherwise our choldren and grandchildren are fine. What is ot a strange world nowadays, higher wages, expensive provisions, and 35 thousand laborers are on strike here in Holland. And there are rumour of wars, especially the communists are bussy with it. In many countries they hold demonstrations, what shall become of it. What the priceincreases concerned it is staggering, every week priceincreases of life provisions. It is also in America not peaceloving anymore according to the This week we heard Nixon speaking with serious warning words that America will not shrink from anything and if necessary will strike. We hope that God will save us from it so that we do not need to go through it. The war of '40- '45 is not forgotten, that people were shot down without reason.

And if one read the newspapers than it is going to be a lot worse if they begin again. Because who could then escape without blood and without tears. Only if God blesses will there be peace, and for that we pray. Now about prices; potatoes are very expensive, 10 guilders for 35 kilo. There is a shortage of grain in Russia, so it is here quite expensive. Milk, a higher price and yet the farmers on the farm do not receive ennough, cattle is very expensive. A half kilo meat costs 5 guilders here. What shall become of it if one has a family with 5 or 6 children. A laborer earns 140 guilders in a wek but if one needs something for the body, one has to forfeit food. An uneducated laborer earns not much. However civil servants score a hit, they earn enough. I cannot think of anything else to write and must therefore end with heartly greetings to the whole family and Gods best blessing.

Greetings,

Brant Sybesma and brother.

Sybesma, K.

To relatives in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. (40 Fred + Tda Kooi?)

Leeuwarden, the 23 January 1907

Beloved children,

I will write you some letters. I am now in the Bonifatius Hospitaal in Leeuwarden as you might have heard. I went here on December 29, so almost 4 weeks ago. Now, beloved ones I did not improve much; so much that I can urinate myself. But it is always mixed with blood and I urinate often; always within an hour or 1 1/2 hour, so too often. The doctor said already twice that he feared an operation. Now beloved children, I will leave it up to the Lord and to the doctor. I am always in bed. We enjoy good food and drinks, but of course one feels always bored here, laying. And in the morning usually for the doctor I have to stand through quite some pain. can understand that of course. But till sofar it is bearable. I pray that the Lord may give me further strength. Oh, beloved children, who could have thought that that the Lord had destinated such a hard way for us, but He will give us strength. Or say to us too like he said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient". Now beloved children, I do not know when I am going to be operated and if that may be my end on earth then I pray that He may accept me in mercy. Because I can understand from the doctor that it is (going to be) a dangerous operation. But life like this is not much worth either, you can of course understand that, children. O, children, if mother would have lived she would have wept tears. We see later on that the Lord does everything in His wisdom.

Now belovedones, now it is almost a week later already. It is now the 28 January. I better finish the letter. The doctor did not say anything so I am not aware of an operation. Perhaps it might go away by its self because he fears the operation himself. Because here lays another with the same disease and he has been operated for the third time and he is still in the same situation. And that is even worse, wou can understand that. Now beloved ones, Metje is coming tomorrow again I think. She comes once in the four days. And Siebe and ytje have been here twice and that is the way it goes here. We lay here with 8 of us in a room. One has this, the other that, but it is here all suffering. Almost 70 patients. We all are being treated by nice nurses whom treat us men just as good as women. It is here a Roman Catholic institution with all Roman nurses, nons as we call them. But O, very tender nurses, but in our room there is no Roman patient. Now beloved children, do you know something about how things are going here. And now beloved ones we thank you heartly for the 20 dollars. And if it does not please God to restore my health, I recommend you, my precious children to remember her. I recomend you, my dearst children to the Lord and hope that He may give you strength and your beloved Geertje may be close to you. This letter is also for my son Siene. So, children may the Lords blessing shine upon you and may He give you whatever you need for the begin and for the continuation for soul and body. That is my wish.

Heartly greeted by your loving father,

K. Sybesma.

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