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Dearest Mother!—

I'm sorry to
be a little late this
week, but I went up to
New Haven yesterday to talk
at Saybrook College, had to
finish up some work before I
left, and so missed writing.
And, boy, has it been cool!
They said it would go down

to 5° - well, it didn't -
but it went down enough -
snowed for a couple of days
and is still chilly.

Rochel has been presented
with a bird! It is a
canary and it is named
Poor Richard. It is
a young bird and tweets, but
will, eventually, sing. The
Myers gave it to her.
It lives in Tommy's
room at present, as

its arrival pleased all

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Pam's hunting
insects and she's been
trailing it like a Red
Indian. Alas, that
pets should not agree!

But they don't. Somehow
the bird is becoming a
great favorite - even if
you have to be very
careful about shutting
the door.

I saw Bill on Thursday &

will see him again this week. He is sitting up makes an bed, reads, feels himself. O is making a better than normal recovery. Dana is very satisfied with him. He is cheerful - gets quite a few visitors - and all is progressing well.

Rosemary still has the feel of a cold O doesn't feel joint pain. But she's taking care of it and being sensible.

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I have come in for cocktails
last week with his new
wife - a dark, handsome
lady with very pleasant
manners. He says he is
now happy for the
first time in his life.
The wife met Lily at
Amougaret. She has a son
who is going to
Crotton. I didn't get a

Sorensen met the 200 -

chance to see him, but
once but he looked very
well, though much fatter.

The Meyers came to
dinner - I bumped up
my story & sent it
dt (its too gloomy for
the Post, I'm sure, but
Carl thinks it a good
story) - and since then
have been cleaning up odds
and ends of reviewing,
book reports, etc.

It was fun to see

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New Haven again - even
briefly - and I stayed
with my old friend, Albrecht
Bellinger, whom I'll hardly
see in 20 years. He now
has five children, the
eldest a German in tale.
Time marches on!

Take care of yourself
through the cold weather -
I hope the practical nurse

is pleasing and briddale -
and am glad things
are progressing favorably.
This hasn't been what you'd
call a year under Urqu,
the man of health, for
any of us - but we'll
all dance around the
Maypole together yet.

Now I must quit, to get this all. All
our most devoted & loving
love & New Years wishes. My, I'm
glad to see that old slinky, 1959,
go out of the door.
Always your devoted one
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