

Appila

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The love of God for a greeting!

Dear Bertha and Paul,

I thought I'd better answer your letter right away, otherwise it will turn into months before I write. Thanks to God that we are all well. I suppose you have a lot to do, it is so wet and cold now and you are alone. You must have too much work. I think it's very hard for you. So long as the children are well, it is all right.

We had good feed after the first rain, but then it got dry and the feed turned yellow, it just seems it takes a long time to recover.

Yesterday we had good rain, but today is so cold that we nearly freeze. Now the wheat can grow again, the paddocks look quite well.

Richard has started in the butcher's shop. He usually kills 5 to 6 sheep a day and a pig too. He is doing quite well since he has a man to help him. They go with two vehicles and meet in Laura.

Winter lives in Mt. Templeton, he is the manager on a farm for Mr. Belling. He gets 30 shillings a week, for living expenses. Gustav [probably Saegenschnitter – Rita Z.] gets 15 shillings a week, he is there also.

WE had a letter from Gustav for Pentecost, and he told us that Lydia, Richard and Alfred were confirmed. We had a letter from Lydia [the letter is confusing at this point – R. P.] Lydia heard quite a lot[or] Lydia did not hear much about Anna. About the most she heard was that they had food for one day. [The latter is correct – Rita Z.] She has one child, six months old. She is not very well, and worries a lot. It would be better if Heinrich [Winter – Rita Z.] would look after the place, Anna said. And she said if her sisters and brothers had enough love and sent £50 each, she would be helped. Richard said that it might last her six months and then she would need more.

Auntie Schneider is now here for the week. [Schneiders were in the Becker relationship – probably on the Gunder side. – Rita Z.]

On 26th of this month the Pastor gets into the house. It will look very good when it is finished.

In July there will be a stallion sale and then we will most likely be going to it, and we will call on you, if nothing happens, and will tell you everything.

No more this time, I will close with heartiest greetings.

Your relatives,

E. and R. [Emma and Richard] Becker.

PS. Greetings to your parents and please write again soon.

English Translation

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