

Palmyra New York
June 27, 1937

My dear Dorothy,

The Birthday card was the finest I ever had and one that I will always want to keep. I think I never ^{saw} a lovelier trio ^{in snapshot} and am very proud to call you mine.

I have enjoyed Motherhood above all else in my life and feel that the end is not yet as new ones will endlessly come to us thru our children and grandchildren.

I realize we don't have many earthly possessions but I am rich in greater treasures. A husband three daughters, ^(3 in-laws) seven sons and a host of friends. Eternal increase is worth more we realized when we started life together.

We hope our boys and girls will accept the responsibility of training their children in honesty, unselfishness, tolerance, faithfulness and brotherly love and in a working knowledge of the gospel. Children can be taught from birth to love truth and parents

often wait too late to begin training.
Young minds are not fooled by
the acts of parents, or by pretense.
We pray that your parents may
be given wisdom and courage
to train these lonely boys into
dependable young men who
will bear the Priesthood in honor
who knows but what they
may have a great work to do
and the preparation for their work
is in childhood.

Thanks so much for the neckties
and flowers ^(wood fiber). I am very proud
of your ability with the flowers
I think they are so lovely and
will enjoy wearing them. You
can give your chums some
for Xmas. They are really
very beautiful.

We have been too busy this
summer to write and so I expect
I have not answered half your
letters. We enjoy so much hearing
of your doings and hope you
will be blessed in all you do.

Mother (Jane Bushman Smith)