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Letter #7 (blue ink, single page)

Big Creek, Calif Nov 4

Dear Carol —

I have hesitated to write letters, generally, on account of the untidy aspect of my attempts
— but will make an effort to do a couple today. I get so many good letters and they supply the
comfort and pleasure I need in my trial.

However I am to have surgery next Tues., a wk from today, and my faith is strong that it may be successful.

Edna goas with me — and some good Fresno friends have offered their home where we can spend a few days when released from Hospital which should not mean more than 3 or 4 days. And I hope that's true — as Hospital rates are too high for such as I — Another friend of Ednas who lives over in Clovis – about 6 mi from Fresno — (really an extension to Fresno) invited us to come to their home too but she a nurse who works regurtarly *regularly* and has a family — we feel its imposing a bit — and this other offer comes from a retired minister & wife. And there is such a strong resemblance to Rev J. D. Smith and wife there. I feel I know them. He even talks and has similar characteristics. So believe we'll spend a few days with them but really hope to be back home here in a week or so!

Its beautiful here now — trees & shrubs just beginning to display their Fall colors.

Harold away much of the time — in the building of another big Dam project which will mean another years work. Dean is in on it – so they have their home near us — and we see the children most every day. Timmy doing so many unusual and unexpected things and little 9 mo old <u>Tama</u> in her cute <u>baby hood!</u>

I had a very good trip here — Carolyn & a good friend of mine took me to Portland where I boarded the train at 4:40 P.M. and reached the place where Edna & Harold met me at 7:20 AM. Such nice helpful people on train – so was a really nice way to come. I am hoping that I may have fairly good vision when I write again. My Best Regards to your whole family and thank you for every letter – they are <u>so</u> good.

Lotta