

Malabang
Jany 19 '06

Dear Papa,

As mail day is approaching I am going to write a few lines to let you know that this section of the Henry family is O. K. The baby is still thriving, has six teeth and more coming. She grows mentally very fast and understands a great deal you tell her, will pat her head, clap her hands and do a few other such accomplishments at the word. She is beginning to pull herself up and will try to walk before many months I think. Life in Malabang goes on in its wonted even tenon [sic] with very little to break the monotony. Haven't had mail sin [sic] Jan 1 and won't get any for a couple of days [sic] more. It certainly is a healthy place there is practically no fear, of course the tropical sun is very hot in the day there but it is nearly always cool in the shade and lately my thermometer has been registering about 70 in the early morning / 6:00 am and several times even lower with a record of 65 doesn't that seem wonderful a few degrees only from the equator it felt really cold. Since last writing we have gotten a whole house to ourselves, four large rooms with kitchen, etc [sic] detached, it makes a vast difference in our living and we are really very cosy [sic] and comfortable and we have taken some interest in fixing up. Have had no word from any of the family except your letters and Margaret's to Mary. Had some pictures of the baby taken by one of the bandsman here who des fairly good work and when I get them will send you one. I fear there is very little to tell about here for we do so little, in fact there is absolutely nothing to do except read for pastime for you don't feel like getting any farther outdoors than the porch except when you have to, however in all look forward to going home. Our time is already nearly over sixth up, will be [?] than that by the time this letter reaches you. Then isn't much to say so I am going to close, hope to hear from you soon. Mary sends her love to you and Margaret and with a lot of my own added love.

Your affectionate son,
Jim.

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