

From Elling and Guruanna Sende

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Dear Brother-in-law and family:

As it is a long time since we have had a letter from you, I will send you some lines so that you can hear how it is with us, and to remind you that it would be fun for us to hear how it is with the relatives and friends there in the "old country" once in awhile.

Concerning us, everything is as usual. We all have our health and more than that we cannot of course ask for. We are now beginning to be along in years and it cannot be expected that the work goes as easily as in former days. This summer I have worked in the sawmill as usual and this winter I am planning on going to the woods, but it will not of course be very early. I will no doubt be going even though winter in the woods with its pushing and pulling is always long enough for a person at my age. Our son, Karl, is planning also to go to the woods this fall if he gets light work. Gustav was confirmed Sunday the 6th: he is so young yet that he will have to stay home a while.

I am to greet you from our old neighbor, Ole Eskilsen. He had planned to visit the old country this summer, and I was supposed to have been the one to take care of his home until he returned, but then he became sick, and so the Norway trip was cancelled. He has been sick the whole summer, but now is much better. I had a letter from him the other day, and also from another of our old neighbors, Elling Moan. You must greet everyone at Moan and tell them that we are expecting Elling. He has promised to come and visit us, and when you write to us you must tell us how it is over at Moan. Also I must tell you that I have received Nordenfjelske-Tidene, and I thank you so much for the bother you had in getting it sent to me. The first number was for the 5th of September and since then they have come regularly. I have sent payment for one year to the newspaper office, and if it should happen that you have paid out something you must surely get it utilized at the publishers. Also I would like you to tell the editor that he should send me a notice when the subscription is expired.

I am to greet you from Anna and her husband and little son. Little Odin is big and good and Grandpa's pet. We are sending you a portrait this time so that you can get some kind of idea of how we look. And we hope to receive one of you - husband, wife and children.

This will have to be enough for this time. I will finish my letter with the fondest greetings from us to all of you. Greetings to our old neighbors and acquaintances and finally are you most fondly greeted from us

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