

M. Angelina Lane

Feb 15. 1921

My Dearest Blanche,

I was so delighted to hear from you, and do hope this letter will not go astray. It always does me good to hear from my relatives. I have thought of you so much and wondered why you never replied to my two letters I sent you. I see now you have moved. I hope we may be able to keep up the letter writing better. Since I heard from you a few years ago

"Maple Mount" - St. Joseph's has had great sorrows. We lost two saintly chaplains within a few months time. Then God took our precious Mother Rosaria from us the 1st day of last Oct. Mother had been in bad health for two years, - all who saw her failing so fast. Doctors, priests, Sisters and friends, thought a good pleasant rest in California would benefit her, so Mother Rosaria, Mother Mercedes, + myself went out there to spend the winter. We arrived in Los Angeles on Thursday and just nine days after Mother died almost suddenly just after receiving Holy Communion. It was

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a terrible shock to us all. We started back to Ky with the remains on Monday the 13 - It was a long sad journey for Mother Mercedes and myself, to bring our Mother in her coffin instead of improved health was almost more than she or I could bear. But we had to be brave. For the sake of our sorrow stricken community we knew would meet us in Oneestown. Oh, those were saddest of sad days - it completely shattered my nervous system. We feel like real orphans now. The Mother League is trying to bear the burden and responsibility of the community. She is good and kind and

saintly, but we will ever miss  
our Mother. Father Melan, who  
appreciated of your marriage  
is our chaplain now.

You will have to make a visit  
to St. Joseph's this summer and  
see how every thing is. I am  
glad to hear where your brother  
Willie is. My four brothers are  
in California and do hope  
they may find each other.

The addresses are as follows:

William T. Melbourne

Del Mar - Calif.

E. P. Melbourne

Esccondido - Calif.

James Melbourne

Hottsville - Calif.

John Melbourne

Roseville - Calif.

Mrs. Elma Killett

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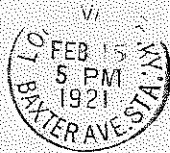
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Haver Co. Ky.

I am here at St. Angela's  
Home under treatment of  
the Doctor for my head.  
I expect to go to the hospital  
soon for an operation for  
mastoid trouble. Say some  
prayers for me in the  
next few weeks. Do you  
remember Teresa Jenkins?  
She is Sr. Novala and is  
superior of this house  
now. How are all your  
little ones or big ones?  
Which is it? Tell me all  
about them, I thought you  
were going to give us one  
of those girls. We are having  
lovely weather now, and  
the Dr. has ordered a fresh  
air walk every day so I  
enjoy myself of the chance.

these bright sunny days.  
Write to me again, tell  
me the news. Does your  
brother practice his religion?  
Has he any family? -  
Are you living near a  
church and school? I  
mean a parochial school?  
I hope so. If we do not strive  
to be good and save our souls  
there is but little to live for.  
A happy eternity is all that  
counts with us. This is the  
holy season of Lent a time we  
should pray and try to atone  
for our sins by penance and  
mortification. I am sure  
you do your part. Well I shall  
not write more today.  
I hope to hear from you  
soon again. Greet the family  
for me. May the blessing of Blessed  
Heart rest upon you. 5C.1885

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