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Mr. Robert Straus, Ph. D.

My dear Dr. Straus:

Thank you for your letters. I wrote to Elliot at Watervilet, N. Y. and sent a copy of the letter from his step-daughter. I also told him that I had been unable to get further information. I asked Mrs. Simpson when her mother died, and how but simply received a Christmas card and she said that she would write later. I also told Elliot that I was far from well and said that I was thinking and hoping for him. That was all. Perhaps your letter has been returned. I am looking for a return of mine.

He has been at Tewksbury several times and the last time about two years ago did attendant's work and as he graduated from Newport R. I. Hospital school and Norfolk Va. was put on a ward with an opportunity to do a great deal and a clergyman wrote to me that he did much to help. As you know, these places are under staffed and no nurse or attendant can give full attention to one patient. This clergyman also said that if it were his own brother he would rather that he would be there than outside as he was. He went out on leave after a few months and did not return/

He seemed to think any one was on top of the world if they were on welfare. During the depression I was on it for two weeks and that was his attitude. It is all Greek to me. I had a great grandfather that drank heavily but no one has since on either side. On remark he made was that he was afraid to go to sleep. It shows a fear.

It just seems to me the fact that he can't meet the problems. Most of us do even if it takes a toll in health etc. I blame myself because tho I was just I haven't much love (as it is supposed to be) in my nature. I had it knocked out of me from the beginning. I feel that I have failed