

of them will ever come back alive, or unharmed, God alone knows. The thing is too terrible to contemplate: we can only commend them to God and implore His mercy and protection for them. I thought from previous utterances of President Roosevelt that he would plunge your country also at once into the conflict, but at present it seems that he is inclined to keep the States out of it. For this attitude he is to be commended. Tremendous efforts will be put forth to draw the United States in, and it will take exceedingly high courage for the powers that be to keep them out of it. And whichever way the thing turns out, only the devil will be the gainer. It is too bad; but there is nothing that we can do about it, but pray that the Lord will in His good providence lessen as far as possible the destructiveness of this vicious appeal to force and arms, which can never decide what is right. In these terrible times faith alone can comfort us, as we reflect upon the unfailing promise of God that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.

We are having beautiful weather now, nice and warm and sunny and breezy. Everything in nature is so peaceful, while the wrath of man is raging. The heavens are still declaring the glory of God and the firmament showing His handiwork. It is too bad that wicked man should spoil it all, and persist in bringing about his own destruction. But God will overrule all things and make the wrath of man please Him and bring about the accomplishment of His purposes, to Whom be glory forever and ever, Amen. Robert came home yesterday for a short visit over the holiday. He is going back tomorrow; but we are greatly enjoying his visit while he is here. Bonnie and the three youngest girls had a nice trip to Toronto on Thursday last and took in and greatly enjoyed the Toronto Exhibition. Dinner has been called. So you will kindly excuse me for a few minutes. Bonnie had intended to have chicken for dinner in