

time be no exceptions, at least I hope you
will all get here before very long. I have
never yet regretted our move, or wished myself
back in Ohio. We all enjoy Mr ^(William's father) Van Horn so
much. They live only a block from us, but the
house was sold a short time ago & they will
be obliged to move next month. I am sorry
for them. It is no trifling matter with 7 chil-
dren. This house is for sale too & we may
share the same fate or have the rent raised.
We have not yet succeeded in finding a
house suited to our wants & purse. Property
is very high, & is continually increasing in
value - it seems as if it can't get much higher.
I suppose the children help you informed of
conditions here so I need not repeat.
When you see Mrs Marshall please give my
love to her. I hope she is enjoying her children
& grand children.
Again thanking you for your kindness, with love
& good wishes, I am your friend
Nadie Harger.

Return
this letter
from my
Moravian
friend Mrs. Harger
E. S. B

10 W. Aloha St
Jan 3rd 1907.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mrs Belden

The beautiful Oberlin
Calendar came safely, & I thank you very
much, & appreciate your thoughtfulness at
this time when so many old friends are to
be remembered. In your state of health you
should not have gone to so much trouble.
I sincerely hope you are steadily improving
& will soon be in good condition. Mary &
Will were very anxious about you, as it was
natural they should be - distance seems to
aggravate any bad conditions, but we all
hope the worst is over for you, & that the
New Year will be one of health & happiness.
No doubt you are calculating the time when
the daughters at least will ^{be} at home again.

Edna was over at Lacoma several days - came
back yesterday - saw Mary & says she seems
well & happy. We had such a home full during
Christmas for several days that I could not
have Mary come over, but we were all ready
for her last Saturday & then received a letter
saying she could not come. It was a disap-
pointment, but we hope it will not be
long until she will have a day or two &
then make us a little visit. Will spent
last Sunday with us & was here on Tuesday
^{New-Jar's day} evening. He was cheerful as he generally is, &
full of fun. He is developing & becoming
more manly - a credit to his mother & sisters.
I am always glad to hear of you thru him.
& we like to have him come in whenever he finds
it convenient to do so.
We enjoyed a visit from Mr Billis, but he was
feeling so miserable all the time he was in
Seattle that I am afraid the trip did him

no good, & the weather was bad all the time
he was here, so that he did not get one good
view of the fine scenery for which Seattle is
so famous, & we can only hope when next he
comes that conditions will be more favorable.
We had snow enough for several days, to make
coasting possible on some of the hills, & the
children who had sleds made good use of
them. Here roller skating is enjoyed the
year round. On C'mas day our neighbors
gathered roses - not very perfect of course, but
nice enough to take into the house, & the
grass is as green as in summer, tho it is
cold & tracing. When you come out you must
not leave your winter clothing behind.
Have you noticed how the children bring
the parents out west? There is the Eddings
family, the Allyn, the Hagers, & I suppose
the Billis, the Fisher & the Beldens will in