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Dear Brother and Family, Greeting In Jesus Name. Your letter came to hand in this mornings mail. I have not heard, nor seen any of you for so long, that it almost seems as though we had moved away.

Now we will take up the Overcoat business first. We do not at this time have any cheap overcoat samples, and dont have any food on hand, but we can order from the samples, and have it here in a few days. I have a nice ~~Blue~~ Blue Sample comes at four dollars per yard, and that is the cheapest we have at present. But it will make the boy a nice warm coat, and something that will wear fairly well. It is very heavy piece of cloth, and should be warm.

I dont like to make the coat at random, because there are rarely two persons shaped alike, I would much rather have the come and take his measure and then we can make him a coat that will fit reasonably good, make a little extra large, and he can wear it for quite a while. I ought to have his measure so I can tell how much goods to order, so that we dont get too much and make that much extra expense, not too little as that would be worse still.

Now about the light business, we havent taken our lights out yet, as I didnt have the new lamps. We had considerable expense this fall, and didnt have the money to spare to buy a new set of lights. Of course if the matter is forced on the Church for a decision, and if the rest keep or get the lights I will put mine back in again.

It is hard to tell which would be the best course to pursue. If the Ministers and the church cant come to any conclusion, you will have ~~to~~ to let the matter rest until some definite decision can be arrived at. I dont think Menno would have put the line in at present had it not been for the accident at his place, when the line shaft was torn down, and a lot of stuff broken, and young Wengard might have been killed, after that he didnt care to ~~keep~~ install a gas engine. A members meeting for a friendly discussion for the use of the Electric light and power might be of some service, and help to arrive at a better understanding. Time will itself solve the problem when the proper time arrives.

We are living in a progressive age, in which times and ways of doing things are changing most rapidly, and we as a people are passing through a transition period, and being a very conservative people we will have ~~to~~ move very carefully. If we want to preserve the Church and keep our people together as we must do if we wish to continue our existence.

I am almost persuaded to believe that some of the opposition is more contrariness than anything else, and if the matter were presented to them in a straightforward and business like manner it might carry. A majority will favor me I am almost certain.

The matter between those two brothers as time goes by, is very much like that of the two Mose. Yoder, boys and brothers. J.M.Y. and N.M.Y. And I am somewhat apprehensive of matters taking the same course. We have seen what the outcome was, and let us not allow things to take their course here like they did then. The Church has already paid most dearly for the loss of all

~~our members in the way we lost them.~~

~~I don't want to even suggest what to do in this matter. The John T. Case~~

is an other fire splitter, and the less you have to do with it the better you and the Church are off, it is only intended to multiply and stimulate strife and contention, so I would not let it come up till you must, because the longer it goes the more people will oppose course as suggested by some.

If the Electric Light question could have been stayed off a few years I don't think there would have been any trouble in getting an overwhelming majority in favor. I don't think Joe will bother me for a long while, if he does, what he will get then will be as only a drop in the bucket to what I give him here in the shop, I trimmed him up till he was mighty glad to shut his mouth, and I had barely begun.

I had a dream a few nights ago, they you and Simon C. Beachy and J.C. Wengard were here to have each an Overcoat made. Then the next day Simon came and his measure taken for an Overcoat. He is getting a nice coat made of the very best cloth. We are waiting for him to come and try it on, but we sent a coat and vest to the furthestmost parts of the earth for Sam. Bender, that man knowed what he was doing, I have not heard from him as to how it fits. We also finished an Overcoat for Joe. Yoder's Albert, I will enclose a letter from Jonas. Kauffman, it tells what became of D.S. Beachy and his money unit.

Will close for the present. We are pretty well caught up with our work, we a coat to finish up yet that belongs to a suit for Norman Beachy at Deland. The rest of the suit is finished. We can finish up some more if you still will try it on.

Yours truly,

