

Dear Friends:

The Dudley Brainards send Christmas greetings to all of you and wishes for a New Year of happiness and rich blessing.

Our family history the past year has been somewhat eventful to us at least, since in a family of seven something is happening most of the time to absorb our attention. We had the experience of seeing our oldest daughter Virginia graduate from the Technical High School with Ex Gov. Burnquist giving the graduating address. She finished with high scholastic honors. Our summer was spent at Elk Lake where we have gone for the past ten years. Late in August with Charles and Ned we took a week's trip into the Black Hills and on to Wyoming. The boys who had never seen mountains before were especially interested in cowboys. Unfortunately we saw no cowboys, but they did see mountains and had many other interesting and new experiences. Constance and Eleanor preferred to stay at the lake rather than take the trip while Virginia was too busy directing a movie commemorating the 75th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Cloud which was founded in the fall of 1864. Mother Brainard spent the summer months with us and was most helpful in emptying the mending basket and knitting the winter's supply of mittens. With the opening of school this fall Virginia entered Teachers College here, Constance started her first year at Technical High School, while Eleanor entered the Central Junior High for the eighth grade rather than stay at the Training School where her two brothers are in the 5th and 3d grades respectively. After everything was settling down Merl had a delightful time in Houston, Texas attending Supreme Convention of P.E.O. In Minnesota following the New England tradition and Abraham Lincoln's proclamation, we celebrated Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of the month. This year there was neither snow nor skating. Dudley has had a busy year, in fact we have all been busy, but isn't it fun to work when you have good health and the ambition to do it?

As the year draws to a close we are again grateful for our friends of long standing, and we trust that we may hear from you and that we will be privileged to say another year as in the past Merry Christmas and "God bless you every on".

Merl and Dudley Brainard
and the Brainard Quints