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Iwata Family correspondence

Sonoko Iwata to Shigezo Iwata on April 10, 1942

Dear Shigezo san,

Thank you very much for your card. It was the speediest mail I have ever received from you. It must have had good mailing connections.

I was surprised to learn that it snowed out your way. Too bad it had to melt away so quickly but then otherwise it would have been very cold, wouldn't it? Take good care of yourself in this changing weather. I hope Mr. Sugimoto and Mr. Sugano are none the worse from the sudden cold. I am glad to learn you people are able to participate in the sports you used to enjoy.

To-day I read the Elsie Robinson, "Listen, World" Column in the Herald Express. She spoke of a person being as wide as her interests and as deep as her sympathies and went on to tell about a married woman who evidently is cultured but who tried to shut out the miseries of the present world as something not concerned with her in her actual life. She'd avoid seeing the front pages of papers or listen to any news-casts over the radio turning instead to some good music, and would not even discuss anything with her husband who is interested and so rather than staying home at nights, he dashes out to the "pool hall" to join his group. I suppose there aren't many women who could be so unsympathetic but it is easy to become that way if one's position is secure and nothing seems to affect her.

It was cloudy again to-day and it rained a little in the afternoon. There was a terrific wind again although for just a short time and it seemed to bend the trees in two. But then only castor oil tree branches and a few grape vines were broken down. For a time everywhere was hazy with dust.

Yours,
Sonoko