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My dear Rabbi Lamm,

Greetings! Please forgive the delay in keeping up our trans-Atlantic correspondence - Regards from Rabbi Rosen just received (my boss!) prompt me to let you know how things are in ~~1973~~ now!

Please find enclosed wedding photos. Many thanks for your good wishes - from you and your wife, - shame you couldn't be there. Well, I was glad that the wedding went off smoothly - these sorts of affairs are not, as we say in olde England, my cup of tea!

After 12 weeks of teaching, housemastering and enjoying the privileged status of a married man, I am still in one piece. The combined demanding experience which necessitates living within a practical dimension, at times banal (817's) has done me a world of good - I have actually calmed down inside. The ~~g'sho~~ ~~Allegro~~ that responsibility imposes has had a very stabilizing effect - - -

The work here (in really beautiful countryside which we can only appreciate properly in holiday time) is totally demanding. I have only 18 kids in my class but find that they drain me as much as the 30+ I had in Sheffield. I teach everything except Jewish Studies (officially!). ~~we~~ is the busiest day of the week - eating with the school, inviting my class to our flat for lots of tuck ± a weekly 1/6 '74

Story. There is ~~now~~ a *j'sn* of from p'nt s'pt here now and step by slow
step the character of the school if not changing is being exposed to new
horizons --- Our shadchan from Bradford (n.e of Sheffield) is giving up his
position here as minister and is, with the consent of the Rebbe K"Cs'e
coming to teach English in the senior school. - so Na's happy (two more
Nonconarians!) and so am I - another *zpa* in the wilds of Berkshire!
Carmel is a strange place - it has so many inherent contradictions: An
expensive public school copying certain English public school traditions, non
Jewish staff in influential posts, vast majority of boys from wealthy
assimilated homes - yet ~~also~~ is upheld in *shuls* + *synag* + *rel*; governors
make no pretence of being pro-orthodox - they want a basically secular
institution yet an orthodox dynamic Rabbi heads the school. --- but then
methinks that, after all, this is an *pla* *pla*.

Naomi has declined the offer to teach and its taking her time to
adjust. It can be lonely here especially when I'm on late duty. Some
days she rarely sees me. Marriage - the union of two individual individuals

- seems at this early stage to be a both marvellous and strange
phenomena. Na has such different interests to me: she has a passion for
cricket (ugh!) architecture -(especially Church design) and has a fantastic
paperback library of fiction - particularly Russian novels. - She don't! like

jo'se j'se + she laughs at the hours I spent digging up these old
~~new~~ Hasidic manuscripts of *jo'se*. But perhaps the differences if not
hostile are part of the *l'se* of *p'nt z'p'si* *z'z*. Anyway must compare
notes one day. No doubt you are very busy in these awesome days but maybe
you can drop a line to keep our 4 year occasional chavrusa
going. Regards from Na & me to your wife & family *Y. T. R. N.*

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