

Dearest Father,

I have just returned from the fire line, meaning the forest fire in the Selway & Clearwater Forests which you have probably been reading about and found your letter here. Needless to say I have to hear about the eye. - I am forwarding a copy of a letter I have just mailed Col. Goldthwaite. If he decides to see you without writing me I hope you will let nothing stand in the way with getting to Washington when he sends for you. I will pay the expense of the trip. It will be well worth it to me because I know Goldthwaite and

feel that he is one of  
the best in that line  
that there is. — I have  
had little experience  
with cataracts but I  
know that in the hands of  
a good man the success  
of successful operations  
is higher than 70%. I have  
only seen a few of them but  
the ones I have seen  
have all been good. Remember  
Grandpa & had perfect  
results with his. At  
Walter Reed you might  
go around to the J. C. man  
and have him look you  
over. Ask Col. Goldthwait  
to call him ~~up~~ up. I don't  
know just who he is but  
he will be good. — I hope  
you won't let this



get your vision and  
you can absolutely depend  
on what Dr. Goldthwait  
tells you. — The cause  
of cataract is snow.

It is a hereditary affair  
due to chronic eye infection;  
probably the fungus in your  
case — Let me know  
how things develop and  
don't think about surgery  
because at worst you  
will only have to stay in  
bed for several weeks and  
that is not bad. — It is  
usually several months  
before these things are ripe  
for operation but Dr. Goldth  
wait will tell you about  
this — Give my love to  
my regards and wife  
to you. Be sure to  
go to Washington to Dr. Goldthwait

Love  
Dr. Goldthwait