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Rel. to

Helene Wohlgenuth.

I want to ~~go~~ Congratulate ^{Polk}
you on what stand you took at
God sure had to be with you to
take a stand like you did at
Polk State Hospital.

God Bless anyone who is
mentally effected I really know
about 20 yrs ago or less I had
a ~~test~~ testicular operation on
my face, It didn't work 1st
operation & they did another in
me up. God for heild my nerves
went really bad / up untill that
time I did all kinds of work in the
house or garden or whatever needed
done I was 60 yrs old at that
time I will be Aug 10 - 80 yrs old
Well for whatever or how it

came about I was sent to
Lawrence State Hospital
Lawrence Pa. My sons & 2
sisters took me up and signed
me in. I'll never forget and they
two didn't. Now. I was taken
up stairs and the hall I went
thru. there were women partly
dressed and laying on the floor
O I'll never forget. They took
me to room & I had to put on
a garment they had. (I had
taken good clothes hat & everything)
put in a room with 4 other ladies
down were always locked there
Dr came & gave me tests he
said why are you here, I said
I don't know. Anyway I
didn't have to take medicine
& we ^{ate} out of aluminum cups
& a plate with a spoon no
knife & fork. God forbid & the
food I lost at least 30 lbs

the year and half above there.
My son & sister come every wk.
some times took me out to eat
always brought some thing
to eat. after 1 1/2 yrs I came home
& it makes me sick all over
to talk about it but I know
what you are saying about Polk
~~some~~ some some things
happened at Tennessee.

Now it is wonderful to be able
to help people mentally effected
but everyone is not a like.
you know what I mean.

May God bless you in
your work. I know you will
be blessed. I don't expect
you to ans this letter but
want you to know you have
my prayer. The reason I don't
want to forget my experience
at Tennessee.