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Dear Mother:

Mabel's letter of Aug. 30, written to the two of us, i.e., Bonnie and me, was very interesting and full of news and was highly enjoyed by both its recipients, to say nothing of the rest of the family. If I knew that she would still be at home when this letter arrives, I might accidentally or otherwise drop her a line or two; but, as she will most probably be away at her work, this would probably be a waste of effort, which I will therefore spare myself. The sitting which she had in the Old Dominion in the big hall by the sea and the splashing in the waters of the deep and the soul stirring, musical concerts which she participated in must have been exceedingly enjoyable. But all that is now a thing of the past, sweet memories, as it were, which will be the case with my own vacation in a little over a week's time. School sessions, like time and tide, wait on no man, or woman either for that matter. In fact the classes are already gathering. On Thursday night last Dean Froese and wife arrived after having spent the whole summer on their trip ~~from~~ at

Pont Dalhousie on one of the Great Lakes
in Ontario. The same night Prof. Sandrock
and his Fran arrived, being driven home in
a car by their son from Nebraska. They too had
been away all summer with their sons in Wis-
consin, Iowa and Nebraska. Prof. Sandrock, who
is about 70 greatly improved his appearance
by having an exceedingly big wart cut off the side
of his nose. As a result he looks about 10 yrs.
younger and 100% handsomer. This morning I
went down to St. John's to the English service
to hear Rev. Prof. Wolfe (Wolfe) of Philadelphia preach.
I was disappointed in a way, as he didn't
preach or even take a text, but delivered a lecture
about young people and their present day
problems. The address was fervently delivered but
necessarily on account of the limited time at
his disposal dealt mostly with generalities, and
I doubt whether the congregation was very
much enlightened on the subject. However, it
wasn't difficult to stay awake while he was
speaking. Monday is Labour Day - a universal
holiday except for the Brewery warehouses. How-
ever, Herman got Arthur to substitute for him,
took a day off, and left this morning for Toronto
to attend the Exhibition there. Arthur was down
for a couple days last week, and reported having
had a good time. I doubt if any of the rest of
us will get down, and as for myself there
are no regrets, as I have no desire to see it. If
you have seen it once or twice you know what
it is like, and a repetition of the visit becomes insipid.

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We are having fine weather just now - not too hot and not too cold, but just right, and everything looks bright and green from the fine little showers we have had. It is threatening rain this afternoon and in fact has put down a few drops here and there, but I hope it will hold up till we get in a few horse-shoe games. Carlos has just come in and is reporting to his mother about his trip to Toronto yesterday afternoon, from which he got back late last night. I get in only a word here and there as I smoke my cigar and write this letter; but from what I can catch of his conversation I infer that he had a good time. Visitors, who are always welcome, continue to pour in on us. Last week we had Rev. Stockmann of Davisport with us one day, and Rev. Fisher and his wife of Walkerton one evening till after midnight. Then we had Rev. Schmidt of Buffalo with us for a couple days, off and on. He supplied plenty of ale and beer and we had a grand time. I think we entertained about 25 ministers from time to time throughout the summer, the majority of them being former graduates of our Seminary. So, even though we were at home all summer, we couldn't get lonesome. The children are again in school

and seem to be quite enthusiastic over it. Florence is particularly gratified because she has a "man teacher" this year. The and another little fellow and Frederick and Joyce Rae had a little picnic of their own in the park yesterday. The tiny couples made quite a picture as they walked down the street side by side - a couple in front and a couple behind. When they start out so early, one realizes the progress the younger generation has made over us old fogies of former times. Our Mountain Ash tree, which stood near my study window, I had sawed down last week. It had practically died from the frost and the drought and in place of being a thing of beauty and a joy forever, it had become an eyesore. So I had it removed, and now we have a better view of the street. I had also a big deal limb cut out of our huge Manitoba Maple tree; but this tree was so big that you hardly notice the loss. These are all the physical improvements we have made and this also exhausts the news, so I will close now or less abruptly. With lots of love and all good wishes, I am

As ever

Most sincerely yours

Carroll