

Waterloo, Ont.,  
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Dear Mother:-

It is pretty late for me to begin a letter, but perhaps I can get a short one done between this and bed time. Bonnie and Herman and I went down to Church to-night. After Church we sent Herman home and went around and made a call upon Prof. Holm and wife, where we had eats and drinks and smokes. There are no people who understand entertaining like the Germans and they have the matter of feeding down to a fine art. We spent a very pleasant evening and when we got back just now we found all the children in bed asleep. Carolus had put Robert to bed. I had put Marion and others to bed before we went to Church. Pastor Bockelmann preached in English to-night. His subject was King Solomon. His divisions were: Solomon the wisest man and the biggest fool, How God accepted His prayer and rejected him, How he had everything and yet was forever dissatisfied. He said Solomon's folly was seen in his

"wives," of which he had a thousand in his harem and that he should have controlled them but allowed them to control him in the end. He didn't give Solomon much credit, but the sermon was quaint and interesting and rich in Germanized English expressions. Pastor Boedelmann is a fine German preacher, but his English still has room for improvement. I heard him this morning in German and he was very good. This is, I think, the second time I have heard him in English. Pastor Manner is still quite sick. The Doctor doesn't know exactly what is the matter with him, but suspects he has a growth in the stomach. He wants to put him through an X-ray examination. He looks desperately bad and I'm afraid his days are numbered. I hope though that in this I am mistaken as he has for years been one of my best friends and is in a position here where he could be of the greatest usefulness. In fact he has already done much in the way of building up again the First English congregation in Sketcham. My prayers are that the Lord may spare him for still greater good work, but he is himself in very low spirits over his condition which is not a good sign. Prof. Willson preached for him to-day. We are still having most beautiful winter weather bright and mild. I was out skating yesterday

with the boys, and this afternoon I took  
all the family down except Bonnie and Robert  
and we had a great time on the ice. Marion  
and Arthur, of course, don't skate, but they  
enjoyed running over the ice and trying to  
keep up with us while we were skating. I  
suppose there were over 300 on the ice this  
afternoon. Arthur is a great whistler and  
crows over Sherman who can't whistle. He  
gets before him sometimes and tries to in-  
sist he is in the art. He said to-day, "If  
Uncle Lynton ever comes up here I will tell  
him Sherman can't whistle and won't he  
laugh?" Little Robert is also a very bright  
boy and can use some pretty big words.  
He can say 'Dictionary' as plain as anybody  
and can say 'Kitchen-knob' and distinguish  
it from my Church Book. He is also about  
the best one of the whole lot to carry a tune.  
Everything is moving along nicely at the  
College and the Seminary. We are getting a  
new student in the College tomorrow, a  
returned soldier from Galt. He intends  
after he gets through here to study medicine.  
Most of our boys are, of course, prospective  
Theological students. But we will soon  
have to enlarge the scope of our College.  
Prof. Willison has at last moved into

his new quarters in the mansion previously  
occupied by us. We were over and made  
them a call this afternoon. The house looks  
nice and fresh, but their furniture is not  
in keeping with the place or rather palace  
either quantitatively or qualitatively. Despite of  
the improvements we are highly satisfied  
with our present domicile which we are  
gradually fitting out with the means of furni-  
shings. Bonnie made up some beautiful  
corn screen curtains yesterday for the parlor.  
She likes our new piano better and better  
every day. At first she did not care particularly  
for the finish, but the beautifully grained and  
artistically matched walnut grows in one's  
appreciation the more one becomes accustomed  
to it. I like it much better than the more com-  
mon mahogany finish. Since losing our  
old piano we haven't a single piece of furniture  
now that we had when we started out house-  
keeping, but nevertheless we are a great  
deal better off in that line now than we  
ever were, and besides have the most ideal  
home we have ever had. We hope you  
will come up this summer and see where  
and how we live. Well, it is getting late  
and I must hast after my furnace  
and get to bed. To-morrow is coming and  
it is work day. So Good night. With much  
love and all good wishes, Dan

Most sincerely yours  
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