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Waterloo, Ontario

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Dear Mother:-

This is the first letter except of a business nature that I have written this year. Your letters to Bonnie and to the children were received a few days ago and were much enjoyed. I suppose by this time you have received replies to the letters. While Marion can write many words and form a number of sentences she didn't feel equal to writing a letter but preferred to dictate. Arthur received a letter from Minnie and he also dictated a reply. His was even better than Marion's as he is more original. I was thinking that Arthur wrote to you too, but I guess it was only Marion. Bonnie and the boys are down at Church to night again and as I have all the others in bed asleep I have a good opportunity for writing. This morning we had communion in St. John's. Bonnie and I were both down though she said she felt somewhat like a fish out of water as everything was

in German. Pastor Boeckelmann had
a fine sermon on Isaiah 40:6-8 upon the
theme "What shall I preach?" The congrega-
tion was very large, though I suppose
there were not over 50 or 60 communi-
cants. The custom among these Germans
is to Commune but once a year and
that time par excellence is Easter. We
had an extra fine day to-day, bright and
cold but considerably milder than for
several days previous. Thursday and Friday
were our coldest days. The thermometer
was away down below zero, I don't know
how far. On Friday morning we didn't
have a drop of water in the house. Every-
thing was frozen up. But by lighting the
oil stove in the ulla, I succeeded in
thawing out the taps down there and
after dinner I got the plumbers up to
thaw out the other obstreperous pipes.
This afternoon the children enjoyed
themselves with the toboggan up at the
sand pit and Coralus and I had
about an hour's good skating on the
rink back of the Seminary. Coralus
is a good skater. He can beat me on
stunts, such as skating backward, but
on straight skating I can generally

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lay him in the shade. Tomorrow the public school reopens. So to-day is the last day of holidays for the children. Our Seminary and College reopens on Tuesday. So I still have a day of grace - work-day. Beginning with Tuesday we will have a long stretch till Easter when we will have another week or ten days recess. Then will come the home-stretch till the last of May. Prof. Luetke is laid up and has been granted four weeks vacation. But I don't think he will be able to take up his work then and am doubtful if he ever will again. He has been going down steadily for the last six months or more and has been quite bad during the last week or more. The Dr. pronounced his case mal anemia but the general opinion seems to be that he has cancer of the stomach. He doesn't think himself that he will be back at work within four weeks. It will mean more work for the rest of us as we will have to make some provision to keep his classes going. I was appointed Secy pro tem. of the Board.

meeting last week and so was privi-
leged to stay in through the whole session.
I recommended a substantial increase
of salary for all the Professors myself in-
cluded and am happy to say that I got it.
The two College professors were given salaries
of \$1500 each; the two Seminary professors
\$1600 each, and I as Dean was granted
a salary of \$1800, all salary increases
to begin with Jan'y 1, 1900. This is very
satisfactory, and as I can live on it
I will not have to move down
South yet awhile. The Board seemed
to be quite willing and no objection
was raised by any members to the in-
crease. I think now I will order a
suit of clothes made, of which I stand
sorely in need. I was glad to hear that
the Murrays were settled in a parsonage.
I heard that he had a call but
don't know where. I think the Post
Colborne people were foolish to turn
him down because he wasn't a hand-
shake. There are few better preachers than
he is. But parishes now-a-days want a
good mixer rather than a good preacher.
Well, I must close. Wish you again
a happy New Year. I am
Most sincerely yours
Carroll H. Little