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Dear Mother,

Bonnie received your card toward the end of last week, the box of goods having arrived a short time previous. She directs me to thank you for your part in the matter and thinks she will be able to make over some of the things for some of the children. We are having real summer weather now. It set in all of a sudden Friday morning and has continued consistently since. Before that time I had to keep the furnace going constantly. But for the last couple of days, you can almost see the leaves coming out on the trees. If this weather continues they should be almost full grown by the time I write you next week. I walked down to Bridgeport this morning. Before I had gone very far I had to take off my coat and carry it in my arm, and was so sweaty when I got there that I concluded to ride back on the street car. This was the first time I had taken the street car in about a year. The result was not very encouraging, as I was a half hour late in getting home for dinner. But, of course, I am not as tired as I would have been if I had walked both ways. We had fore-extended for dinner

to-day and five extra for supper. We nearly  
always have open house on Sunday. On ac-  
count of the extra work Bonnie did not  
get off to church to night. She is feeling very  
well and less frequently gets blue spells. I  
think she will be o.k., if she ever gets back  
to the hospital and is fixed up again. We  
are now in the midst of our examinations in  
Germany and college. I have held three so  
far and have five more this week. The  
seminary graduation will be held on the  
evening of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then the year's work  
will be done. I have no plans for the sum-  
mer, but will likely stay at home, work in  
my garden, and keep Bridgport supplied. You  
suggested some time ago that you might fly up  
here some time. It would be a nice, easy trip;  
but I doubt if you could get all the way. You  
should, however, be able to get as far as Buffalo,  
which is only about 100 miles away. The flying  
machines from our Fitchener-Wainloo field have  
been making the air lively since good weather  
set in. They didn't in fact let up last winter at  
all, and there wasn't a week in which they did  
not go up. But they have been much more  
frequent of late. We are looking forward now  
to the coming meeting of synod. Dr. Schoten and  
I have the Bulletin published and distributed,  
which covers about half the minutes. If we  
are re-elected secretaries, we will have at least  
that much of our work done. I would be

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glad to be relieved of the secretary's job, if it were not for the one-hundred-dollar honorarium that I get out of it. That helps me to meet expenses each year, and without it, I do not know what I would do. All the other professors took a reduction of 5% on their salaries; but I declined, as even with my honorarium and Budgetport, I can barely make ends meet. We were all shocked, although not greatly surprised, to hear that the kidnapers had made away with the Lindbergh baby. We got the news over our radio a couple hours after the discovery. It was a devilish crime, horrible and inhuman beyond expression. Friedrich went over to Dr. Schorten's yesterday, knocked on the door and asked him if he had any candy. He said, "Yes, a little bit," and, showing him what was on the saucer on the table, said, "That is all that is left." Friedrich looked at it and said, "Well, I guess I will take the rest." Dr. Schorten thought it a great joke. But I must close for this time. With love and all good wishes, I am

Most faithfully yours

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