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Dear Mother: Since Eileen has written both to you and to Pearl, there probably isn't much left for me to write about; but I will have to give you a few lines this afternoon anyway, if for no other reason than force of habit. I preached at Galt this morning and didn't get back till half-past two or thereabouts. Then I had to eat my dinner, and being rather hungry, it was around the middle of the afternoon when that job was finished. I had a pretty good run-out at Galt and enjoyed preaching there this morning. Besides it netted me, clear of expenses, \$4.40, much needed spending money. Eileen is sending you a cut of myself that appeared in Friday's Toronto Star. I know nothing about it till the picture appeared in the paper. It was probably taken from the picture in "Who is Who?" There was no comment with it - the least said the soonest. I had an invitation last week from the Rev. Dr. Troelsch of Charleston, S.C. to contribute a Meditation and Prayer on a subject assigned to appear in a devotional book to be published shortly by the N.L.C.A. Publication Board. This

The book is to follow largely the lines of "God's  
message" of The Via Publication Society, and will  
have a meditation and prayer for every day in  
the year contributed by 265 Lutheran ministers,  
of which I am an e f l u m i n u m. I am  
still making progress on the publication of  
"Disputed Doctrines". The publishers offered to send  
me the prepared manuscript, which I am to look  
over and make necessary corrections. Then they  
will give me an estimate of the cost and the  
price at which the book is to sell. After that, I  
will circularize the Lutheran pastors of the U. S.  
and Canada and appeal for advance subscriptions,  
offering as an inducement a somewhat lower rate.  
I do not expect to make much money on the  
book, but hope that I will be able to more  
than cover the expenses. I had Mr. Birning, the  
photographer in Fitchman to make one a picture  
for a cut for the frontispiece. It was a real  
good picture, and he told Corvus the other day  
he was going to finish me up one gratis. This  
I intend to turn over to Bonnie for her birthday  
May 19th. I began smoking again after Lent  
was over and have by this time become re-  
naturalized to it. I find it tends to keep down  
obesity. I gained about 5 lbs. in weight during  
Lent and at its close weighed 174. Since re-  
suming smoking I have lost a pound or a  
less which I can well stand. Dr. Zwick was  
around to-day to see Ellen and seemed, as they  
said, well-pleased with her progress. We had  
a quarantine cord put on the house for whoop-  
ing cough last week. The children did not whoop,

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but the paroxysms of coughing in which they sometimes nearly choked made me think it was whooping cough, and I thought it only fair to report it to the health authorities, who at once imposed the cord by which our front door is decorated. I was extravagant enough to buy me a pair of new shoes the other day. I almost had to do so, as the old ones, which I had worn steadily for the past two years needed sooling, and I had no others to put on during the process. Now I have two pairs at once, and don't know what to do. I think I will give the old pair to Herman. Carvels lost out in his application for the town job. It was given to a young fellow, a mere kid of 18 years at 1 year. This would hardly have been worth while for Carvels anyway, but would have been better than nothing, which is all he has in view just now. I am giving Herman a job in digging the garden, for which I told him I would give him a dollar or so. I bought my first seeds and onions yesterday. It is still quite cool here and we keep the furnace going all of the time, and the trees haven't as yet begun to bud. I'm afraid I will have to get in another ton of coal yet. Well, I must bring my brief note to a close. With love and all good wishes,

I am,  
As ever, most sincerely yours,  
Carvell