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Dear Mother:

Thanks for your kind letter received the other day. Talking about surprises that you were giving the folks, I think this one was the biggest surprise of all, as I never dreamt of such a thing as receiving \$100 toward my book. It will materially help me in the publication and shorten the time of its appearing by fully a month. I can never thank you sufficiently for your kindness in making me this gift at so great a sacrifice to yourself. I really feel that I ought not to accept it; but as I am anxious to get the book out, I will do it on the condition that if I make enough out of it I will repay you the \$100, and you can still get your refrigerator. If the full edition of 1500 copies is sold I should get six or seven hundred dollars out of it, and perhaps a bit more. If I had known you were going to do this I might have dedicated the book to you, but I had already dedicated it to Annie. I think you will like the book, whether you will agree with all its positions or not. And, in spite of your views, I think you will especially appreciate the article on Mother's Day.

As for myself, I think I appreciate most the chapter on the Assurance of Salvation. I have corrected the whole manuscript and am forwarding it back this week to the publishers with instructions to go ahead with it. They should have it out by the middle of July. I will see that you get one of the first complimentary copies. It may interest you to know that I received \$112 on your cheque. Of course, when I send the money to the publishers there will be a corresponding discount. But I think the exchange rate will grow better rather than worse and that by the time I send the money your cheque will be worth more than the \$100. Thanks to you I will now need to sell only around 150 copies in advance of publication, which should be easily done. I expect to sell about 50 or so at a yard. As soon as I hear from the publishers I will proceed to get my circulars out and to make a campaign for subscribers. My picture ought pretty nearly to be worth the price of the book, \$1.00 in advance post paid, as over against the publication price of \$1.25 and postage.

Our spring was about a week late this year. It began to get warm last week, though we still had to keep fire most of the time. I finished my gardening yesterday, with the exception of planting tomatoes. Leaves on the trees, which had hardly begun last week, are putting out rapidly today; and it looks as though spring was here to stay. I preached down at Bridgport this morning, riding down and

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walking back. As they paid me in silver, quarters, dimes and nickels, I was somewhat tired from carrying the extra weight by the time I reached home.

I received my cheque for last month only yesterday and after paying my bills and Helen's hospital expense, had only a few dollars left. So my silver collection of five dollars will help out. Prospects in a financial way are anything but bright in our institution. The Board at its meeting last week decided that a further radical reduction in salaries was necessary in order to keep the institution going. They decided that on Jan. 1, 1934 all salaries should be reduced 20%. This will bring mine down to \$<sup>1600</sup> a year, which is mighty little for 12 people. The only way in which we can possibly get along on it would be, if the children from Robert up all secured jobs and we raised their board from \$2<sup>50</sup> to \$5<sup>00</sup> a week. Happily this action does not go into effect until the beginning of next year, which gives us a respite and time for planning. It may be too that through the energetic work of your President a recovery from the slump of depression before Christmas and the drastic action will no longer be necessary. Bonnie has finished housecleaning. She worked so hard at it that she feels pretty well played out. She is upstairs taking a much needed rest this afternoon. Helen has company - some of her girl friends in to see her today.

She is getting along all right and has no pain, but  
is troubled with bedsores under the cast on her back.  
She is taking regular treatment for bone-nourishment,  
which the doctor thinks in time will have the proper  
effect. But it requires long patience. We will wind  
up our examinations in the seminary this week and  
graduation services will follow early the following week.  
Next will come synod and then vacation. But don't  
bring my letter to a close. Again thanking you for your  
great surprise and wishing you the best of blessings,

- Jan  
Most sincerely yours  
Carroll