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Dear Mother:

Dinner is over and I have had my little nap, and now the time has come again to write a line or two to you. The weather is beginning to be spring-like, most of the snow and ice has melted off the streets, and the sidewalks are again quite nice and dry. However, we have had already a few pre-April showers. I encountered one this morning on my return from Church that sustained damage to my white collar and would actually have carried out in ugly thread, had I not erected my coat collar as an adequate protection. But now the sun is shining brightly again, and you would never know that it had ever rained. If this sort of weather keeps up, it won't be more than a few days before the ice moves out of the lake and the good old swimming hole will be open again. Yesterday I fixed up the horseshoe courts and just for practice threw a few shoes; but I haven't had a game as yet. However, as "all things come to him who waits," i.e. provided he doesn't expire while waiting, I hope to have a horseshoe game before many days are out. I am looking forward also to the close of Lent when I can smoke "the pipe of peace" again in real old Indian fashion. I have got along fine so far this year in the act of abstinence. I didn't

experience any heart burn, as I did at times  
in previous years during the lengthy fast I guess  
has also "practice makes perfect" Another thing:  
I have fully succeeded in carrying out my Lenten  
resolution to read the N. T. through once a week, during  
the season. So far I have read it through six  
times since Lent began on Ash-Wednesday, Feb. 29th.  
I think this is a very good way of keeping Lent  
and I would commend it to others. Since I wrote  
you last week, I am a year older. I am getting so  
old now that I think I must feel and show my  
years, which may not be a bad thing if it leads to  
serious reflection and to the betterment of one's ways.  
My birth-day passed off very uneventfully. Outside  
of the family there were only a couple others who took  
any notice of it, which was as it should be after one  
reaches so advanced an age. Happily, due to my  
preaching last Sunday I had a little money to distribute  
according to my custom and got rid of about two  
dollars, every member of the family getting a little of it.  
But I was completely taken aback by the presents I  
received. Caroline and George each gave me a can of  
tobacco, and the whole family clubbed together and  
bought me at great expense a doctor's book. It is  
a real beauty and well and handsomely made, but  
while I appreciate it and while it will fit me  
out to perfection in the scholastic professions  
which occur once or twice a year, I can't help  
but feel that it was an unwarranted extravagance  
in view of the financial situation in which  
we find ourselves so deeply involved at present;

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and I wish they hadn't done it. Just at this point I broke off to rate a game or two of Hornshoe. I played one game with Herman, who beat me rather badly, say around 2 to 1. Then I played three short games with Mr. Rae, our next door neighbour. These games were quite close, but he won two of them to my one. I see where I will have to do some more practicing, if I am to hold my own in this game. [Arthur is going to Steeles this evening where he will preach his first sermon to-night. He has made a couple addresses before societies in the Seminary and in St. John's, and has conducted Chapel services several times in both English and German; but this will be the first time that he has preached. Dr. Schorten said with reference to his German chapel services that he spoke a purer German than the boys from Germany as he didn't have any dialect. He is a fine student in the Seminary and makes good grades all around & predicts a great future for him.] Marion went to the Heutz's for a chicken dinner to-day; but we didn't miss her at the table, as Caroline and Mary were there, and the table was filled up as usual. Tomorrow night - Bonnie and I expect to attend a service at Dr. Willison's Church in Hamilton in connection with the dedicatory service which was held to-day. I am supposed to make a little speech. Dr. Clausen is taking us down in his car. Will,

I will leave now while the closing is good.  
Wishing you and yours God's blessing,  
Love,  
John

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