

Last night he was good also at night. He has the clearest
clearest skin of any new born baby I ever saw. And while
he is almost devoid of hair, what little he has which is all
on his head is as fine and glossy as silk. It is the unan-
imous opinion of all his relatives that he is the handsomest
baby they ever saw. His grandmother is down here nearly
all of the time. She says she just can't stay away from
him and his aunt Nedra (Mrs. Gunn) is just wild over
him and wants to hold him all of the time. "Minnie"
his great grandmother is almost equally fond of him; so
I guess he will not want for attention. We have had a
lot of visitors and all pronounce him a fine baby. He
weighed 10 lbs. when he was born but is not an overly fat
baby, but simply large and long. He gets that from de
Long part of him. I expect to baptise him in the Church
on the first Sunday in July. Wish you could be here to
stand sponsor for him. I guess though I will have to take
some of our leading members. We received Mabel's
pretty little booklet of Baby Records this evening and
Bonnie was "mighty" well pleased with it. She thinks it
is just the ante for anything and in the words of an
old Dutch lady of New Germany now departed, says, "I thank
you a thousand times: I always thought you were good
lookin'." We are having real hot weather now, and it is
awfully dry. If it doesn't soon rain the hay crop will be
almost a dismal failure. Other things are not suffering so
much yet. My garden is progressing nicely. The beans, lettuce,
cucumber etc are doing fine and the nasturtiums which
I planted in front of the house are growing nicely. My cantal-
oupes were slow in making a start, but they are nearly
all up now and look promising. I think the ground
was too cold yet when they were put out for them to come
up sooner. They will probably do well now from this out.

I have had an unusual run up hard work for the
last couple of weeks and have had little time to prepare
for Synod and am feeling shaky about preaching Sunday.
Two weeks ago, from Saturday evening until Monday night,
I rode about 80 miles on horseback and preached five