

New Germany, N.S.,
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Dear Mother:

It seems only the other night that I wrote you, but here it is Thursday night again. The days are quite long now in the good old summer time but when one is busy they pass quite rapidly and are hardly long enough for all he has to do. I imagine you are sweltering in the heat down there now. It is pretty hot here and would be uncomfortable so if it were not for the winds which unceasingly blow. The nights now are almost ideal with the large moon and their refreshing coolness. It seems almost a waste to spend them in sleep. But with the windows up and a nice breeze blowing through it is a fine time for somnolence. The baby enjoys them as well as we do. Sometimes he sleeps all night without waking up and never wakes up more than once and after he is satisfied he goes right off to sleep again. He is a wonderfully good baby and very regular in his habits. Bessie thinks he is too good but he is growing and getting fat on it. He becomes more interesting every day and smiles quite often these days. We had him out visiting with us last evening. He likes to ride so well, he never opens his mouth when out driving and he is even better away from home than he is at home. To-morrow morning he will be six weeks old. We want to try to get him weighed then and see how much he has grown.

I see from The Lutheran that you have been having a Summer Normal Sunday School with large attendance and some noted speakers at Lenoir College. I notice Dr. Fay was among the latter. I would like to see him again. He must be showing his age considerably by this time. I also noticed

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in the same paper the death of the Rev. Allen Aspell. I
was sorry to hear of it. Last Tuesday we held our
semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of
the Bethany Orphans' Home. Supt. Stevens placed his
resignation to take effect the 1st of August. It was
accepted and now the Home is in worse condition
than ever. He ran behind on current expenses during
the year \$496 including \$25 interest now due. This is
the result of the scheme of running the Home on a
cheaper basis. I doubt if we will ever have it on
as fine a basis as it was when Herbert had charge
of it. As it is now we have only the matron in charge,
a woman of limited education and intelligence and
a young man who has been engaged to run the
farm. It will be impossible to get a minister to
take charge again, as it is next to impossible to
get ministers here to fill the vacant parishes. Bridge-
water is still vacant - save for the student supply -
and now Mahone Bay is also without a pastor.

I bought my hay to-day - 2 tons and a half at \$14
per ton. As the hay crop is very light this year the
price was not out of the way. I will now have
more than enough to last me the next twelve
months. Next week I will be away nearly all
week. I expect to begin catechising in Newburn and
will probably stay over there till Wednesday, and on
Thursday we will have our Orphans' Home picnic
at the Home. I wanted Bonnie to go with me down
there, but she thinks she can't on account of the baby.
Mentzel's Lotte will take place Sept. 2. We have not
succeeded in getting a pastor for that occasion, but
the Rev. Behrens will probably fill the bill. Some of
my cantaloupes are doing nicely and the rest of my
garden looks fine. But Bonnie is waiting for me
to go to bed. So good night. She says she intends
to write to you soon.

Most sincerely yours,
Carnwell H. Lister.