

Mahone Bay, N.S.,
July 7, 1910.

Dear Mother:-

Your most welcome and interesting letter of July 1 was duly received and highly enjoyed. We were also much interested in the clipping containing the Observer's account of the wedding. Bonnie said though, the most interesting part was left out and that was the list of presents the bride received. You might furnish that in your next or have Mrs. Steves to send it. It will be nice that they are going to live in Shickory. Jennie Lee who seems to have been your man of all work can still give you a lift occasionally. We were glad to hear that you were so favourably impressed with Mr. Childs and trust that he and Minnie will be as happy as Jennie Lee and Walter when their two hearts beat as one. I wish we could have some of your superabundance of fine spring chickens, apples and peaches. So far we have had only straw berries in the fruit line and not very many of them. To day however, I bought a dozen little runty apples for five cents and we stewed them whole and they were quite palatable. But our fruit season will come on later when yours is past and gone. I trust Pearl is enjoying her vacation and visit at Blanchie's. What does Bickle intend to do at Mr. Pegram's? Will he do farm work? I'm afraid he will not find

that very remunerative. I wish he could strike
 something to make some money this summer. I
 feel for a fellow when he is hard up for funds. I know
 what it is from present and prolonged experience. I would
 mind it for myself and never did worry much over it,
 but Bonnie worries all the time and worries herself al-
 most to death over our debts. I don't believe she has one
 happy moment in her life on account of them. So my
 advice to Biddle is not to get married by any means
 until he has a good practice and is wholly free from
 debt. Living expenses here are very high. My store
 bill up to date amounted to \$190.10, besides what
 I paid cash for. Of this amount I have paid \$58-
 leaving a balance of \$140.10, which debt has accrued
 in the last nine months. Most of the amount, how-
 ever, was for the barn and for wood and coal. The
 bill for horse-feed alone was \$99.12. \$47 was for wood
 and coal and the balance was for the house. Of
 course in that time I have reduced our indebted-
 ness to Mr. DeLong from about \$200 to \$145 and
 have met the quarterly payments of \$25 on our fire.
 But I borrowed \$40 on the policy to pay my in-
 surance, and so on the whole I am getting in about
 as fast as I am getting out. I try to get Bonnie to
 give up worrying and take it patiently as I do, but it
 is of no use, and I am very sorry. She thinks I

should never have got married as I did, having nothing.
 And I agree with her on that point. If I had had any
 idea that she would take it as hard as she does, I would
 not under any circumstances have made her so unhappy.
 She says she won't live long at this rate and I really
 don't believe she will. But I have tried every thing in
 my power to get her to give up worrying and be
 happy and it is all in vain; and I feel that I am
 wholly to blame for it. I love the little girl and hate
 to see her grieving so, but am powerless to help it.
 Don't say anything to any body about this, as I have
 never mentioned it to a soul before and wouldn't do
 so now only that I thought you might be able to
 write something that might help her a little. If
 she could only take things as I do, but it is not her
 nature and it is just spoiling her life the way things
 are going. We all went down to Chester last Satur-
 day. We had perfect weather and a delightful drive
 along the shore. The baby enjoyed it immensely and
 was as good as fire all of the time. We got home
 Sunday evening just in time for Church. I had
 to fresh that night without supper. But I must
 close. With love and all good wishes, I am

Most Sincerely yours,

Carroll N. Little.