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Dear Mother:-

I guess I will have to give you one more letter before Christmas. Though I will probably cut it short as I am busy almost to the point of distraction at this time. We will have our Christmas tree in the Church here on Christmas eve, at which occasion I am expected to deliver an address. Then we will have early service at 8:30 o'clock on Christmas day with Confession and Absolution and a sermon, regular service with communion and sermon at 11 o'clock and service and sermon again in the evening. It puzzles me to prepare for so many things at one time and I will be in hot water till it is all over. Last Sunday I had to have three sermons, one of them being a funeral of an old member at New Cornwall. But this coming Sunday will be worse yet because preceded by the address on Christmas eve and followed by my Catechetical lecture which I will have to hold at Indian Point on Monday evening instead of Tuesday evening of next week. We are all invited out to a Christmas dinner this year at Mr. Stephen Smeltzer's, one of our members here, with whom Dr. Pfatthecker and family boarded when they were here last summer. This will save Bonnie the work and me the expenses

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of an elaborate Christmas dinner. Most of the people here will have their Christmas dinners on Monday instead of Sunday in order not to interfere with the Church services. If the weather is fine we will probably have a large communion on that day.

Last week we had some quite cold weather. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were the coldest days we have had this winter. I drove up to New Cornwall with the sleigh on Sunday. The snow was a little thin in spots, but the sleigh went fairly well for all. On Monday we had a change to warm and stormy culminating in the heaviest fall of rain and freshet of the season. Since then the weather has been but moderately cold. This morning we had a little snow which covered the ground about an inch, but was not enough to make sleigh roads. The rain storm took the ice out of the Bay and I presume also out of the lakes and streams. It is doubtful now whether we will have a white Christmas. Coming back from Indian Point Tuesday night I cut a Christmas tree for Cousin. I got it in the dark but couldn't have made a better selection if I had got it by day. We trimmed it up yesterday and last night and put a few presents on it for him, and it looks fine. I know he will enjoy it this year. He is, as some of the women say, the "Snowiest Child" you ever

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said. And mischievous is no name for him. He breaks up something or other nearly every day, and seems to have a special grudge against Bonnie's dinner set. If he can't reach the dishes, he will pick up a case knife or a stove lighter and fire at them and succeed in breaking sometimes two or three at a time. But he is a sweet, dear little fellow for all that and is never happier than when we tell him to do something and he feels that he is helping out.

Bonnie sent you a little calendar the other day as a token of our good wishes for a blessed Christmas and happy New Year. I am sorry that we are not in position to send you a present as we would like to do. I think I sent Christmas cards to all except Billie. I didn't know his address. I forgot his old address and don't know anyway whether he is there now or not. We wanted to have Carolus's picture taken to send around for Christmas, but didn't get it done. He is growing fast and we think he improves in appearance with age. But I must close. Wishing you one and all the best joys of the holy season, I am

Most Sincerely and affectionately yours
Corroll H. Little