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Dear Mother:-

I will try to write you a few lines again to-night, though there isn't very much news afloat. I received a letter from Herbert this evening in which he informed me that Jennie Lee had her baby at your home and was still there. He says the baby resembles Walter. We were glad to hear that she (Jennie Lee) is about well again. If I can get around to it, I may answer Herbert's letter to-night. But before I leave the subject of babies, I wish to inform you of another little nephew that Bonnie and I have, Donald MacMichael Gunn, who was born on my birth day, March 26, 1911. We didn't hear any definite particulars as to the size, weight etc. of the new arrival, but they said he was a fine lad and that both he and his mother were in perfect condition. He was born in St. John, N. B., about 3 o'clock Sunday morning. My boys are both growing fast and developing along all lines. The Doctor was in a few days ago to see the baby and pronounced him in perfect condition. He said he would weigh 12 or 13 lbs. now, he thought. He is a fine specimen of diminutive masculinity. He can cry with great vigour evidencing good lung power. He is a little fussier than Corvus was, but is not by any means bad. He smiles now every day when he is talked to right and is a great fellow to take notice of things. Corvus

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is learning new words every day. For "no" and "yes" he uses "nein" and "ja", betraying his "Dutch" origin. He understands quite a few German expressions quite as well as the English equivalents. He is the most mischievous little lad you ever saw. His mother thinks he is positively bad but I think he is the cutest kid that ever was. He is the greatest papa boy you ever saw and talks on at a great rate if I take Herman. So I have about decided to "divvy up" and let Bonnie take Herman for her boy, while I take Corvus. I tell her that if Herman makes as fine a looking lad as Corvus he will be all right. He may do it though as he has a good start in that direction.

We are having spring like weather now with frequent changes and showers. It is breaking up the ice and bringing the frost out of the ground quite rapidly. People were still walking across the bay over the ice yesterday and on Monday I rode over it for about 2 miles on horseback, but it will all be out now in a few days if the present weather conditions continue. There is a good deal of sickness in the parish just now and I have had considerable sick visiting to do. I was to have a funeral on to-morrow of one of my members down at Indian Point who has been sick for a long time of consumption. They were up to see me about the funeral and arranged for it at 2 o'clock to-morrow. Subsequently I received a phone message, stating that the Orange Lodge was going to bury him and asking

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me if I was agreed to this. I answered "no, I am not." They said "well, we will get another minister then" and I said "all right" and, rrring off. It was a most insolent proceeding as they well knew my position in the matter in as much as I made it an express stipulation before accepting the call here that I would under no circumstances officiate at a funeral where any lodge ritual was used. I am having Lenten services every Friday night. They are not very well attended however, only about 35 or 40 being present on an average, and I doubt whether I will hold them again another winter. My catechetical class instead of increasing has been dwindling as Easter approaches. I had only four out last night and I am beginning to doubt whether I will have any for confirmation or not. The trouble is the parents are not concerned in the matter and everything has to be done by the pastor. The situation is rather discouraging. After a long time of work to see no results has a sort of dampening influence upon our ardour. Rev. Dager of Ada, O. has declined our call to become stepfather of the Bethany Orphans' Home. I have called a meeting of the Executive Committee to extend another call. I don't know, but I think they will call the Rev. C. B. Lindved. He is a good man, but getting up in years and is unmarried. He would not be able to do anything like a man like Herbert for instance but he would probably keep the Home from perishing. But I must close. With love to you all and a kiss for our little niece, I am
Yours sincerely yours, Carroll H. Little