

Mahone Bay, N.S.

Aug. 28, 1911.

Dear Mother:-

Enclosed you will find a cheque and receipt from Uncle Julius Rowe which came here the day after you left. It was forwarded from Hickory and I was afraid it might go astray if I rewrote Hickory and returned it. So I opened the letter and am sending the contents in this letter. I suppose you reached Mr. Pegrin's to-day, and as you expect to be there about a week you will probably receive this before you leave. I trust you made the long trip without mishap, annoyance or trouble and have reached your destination in safety. We missed you and Pearl very much after your departure. Bonnie declared that Friday was the longest day she ever spent in her life and she says nothing has tasted good to her yet since you left. Caroleus also seemed to miss his grandmother and Aunt Pearl too. He could scarcely get over talking about you going on the Zing and every time he would hear the train blow he would say, "Grandma coming on the Zing." When he went to bed Friday night he said, "Kiss Grandma" and then he thought a little and said "Grandma gone." But he is now fast becoming accustomed to the change and seems about as happy as ever. Little Herman too seemed to be quite lower

same for a couple days and manifested it vigorously  
 after his own quaint fashion, but he is fast developing  
 again into a model baby. We all enjoyed your visit so  
 much, only we found it so short. I suppose such would  
 have been the case had your visit been protracted to  
 twice as long. We have had a couple good rains since  
 you left and everything is looking pretty and green again.  
 It rained here all day Friday or Saturday, and we had a  
 little again last night, though to day is nice and bright.  
 Friday night Mr. Abraham Ernst took very seriously ill  
 with kidney trouble and has been very low ever since. I  
 was down to see him Saturday afternoon, Saturday night  
 last night, and this morning. Last night they did not ex-  
 pect him to live till morning and I gave him the com-  
 munion and prepared him for the end. But this morning  
 I am happy to say he appeared much better and I have  
 a faint hope for his recovery. His wife and small children  
 were away at Halifax when he took sick but returned  
 Saturday afternoon as did also Mr. and Mrs. Theakston. Mr.  
 Ernst made his will on Saturday, a matter which he  
 had put off and which must have been very trying to him  
 in his weak condition. All the children that could be  
 reached were notified and will perhaps be coming on.  
 The doctors had given him up entirely and the Halifax  
 specialist who came up in his automobile expressed very  
 little hope for his recovery, but he may get over it for all.

His illness has been almost the sole topic of conversation in the village for the past few days. Everybody seems to be interested and concerned for his recovery. He has had such attacks before, but this is the worst he has ever had. It came on suddenly almost without warning. If he should die, he would be missed more than any half dozen men in this place. But we prayed for him in Church and Sunday School yesterday and it may be that the Lord will yet spare him. I had a pretty hard day of it yesterday. I preached three different sermons. The extra sermon was necessary on account of conditions at Farmville. A couple fanatics were around. Blophome about two years ago and they made one or two converts who of late have been engaged in pernicious activity around Farmville and I found it necessary to offset their activity and if possible destroy their influence. I preached from Matt 10:29-31 one of the most forcible sermons I ever preached and I imagine it made quite a sensation as those who were doing the mischief were present. I know from remarks afterwards that the sermon made a profound impression and trust that it will do good. Father Dr Long was down to see his birds Saturday evening. They took tea with us last evening and were over at our Church last night. Mrs. Mann came down and Bonnie went with them. The boys' grandfather gave them each a dollar for their bank. Charles now has \$20 and Herman \$14. Their combined wealth is almost equal to their dad's.

Father Dr. Long is going back this afternoon & haven't seen or heard from Dr. Yarnit since you left, but his leave here is set for Tuesday night i.e. to-morrow night. We are anticipating a treat. He preached for Pastor Weaver yesterday. The Nova Scotia Lutheran came out this morning & we were not aware that this number completed the four years of my editorship or I would have put my resignation a month earlier and allowed the new editor to begin with the fifth year. Maybe I can arrange it yet. The Weitzel's Lake affair is now drawing close at hand, I hope we will have favourable weather and a record breaking crowd and that there will be a good fund in it for the Ophlaus' House. Next Sunday I will exchange with my curate Mr. George Shing and go down to Chester in order to administer the communion and baptize a child or so. My garden is progressing nicely. One tomato is all but ripe and others are on the verge of ripening and my cucumbers are becoming so productive that we can hardly keep them picked off fast enough. We have been giving away since a few. It could come the other day for Peoul from Pauline Wellen, which we will forward. Mrs. Willis Ernst apologized for not leaving the address of Mrs. Theakston here. She said she misunderstood and thought that Peoul was to call for it. I wrote to Mabel the day you and Peoul left, notifying her of your departure. Write as soon as you can and tell us about your trip. With love from all of us, I am most sincerely yours  
 Corvill & Little.

The pastor has not come yet when they go we will send you some & they