

Christmas Day, 1913,
Bridgewater, N.S.

Dear Mother:-

As I didn't have chance to write you last night owing to our Christmas Tree here at the Home, I will catch a part of this Christmas morning to answer your kind interesting letter received a few days ago. Before I forget it allow me to thank you for the dollar therein enclosed, which was spent rather extravagantly in adding to the numerous presents of our children. We had a beautiful tree just loaded with presents last night for all hands, the orphans included. I received two small and one large box of cigars, a fine pair of bedroom slippers, a handsome sweater, a most delicious taste and two pairs of stockings. Bonnie received a "lovely" bead purse worth \$2 in it from Mimmie, also a string of the newest kind of beads etc, 3 fancy aprons and 10 handkerchiefs, \$5 in gold from the Ladies Aid at Mahone Bay, a set of folding clothes hangers in leather initial case, a "lovely" ebony set of hair brush and comb, laced dollie, Ladies Home Journal, silver coin purse and chain, water colour picture, China, photos etc. Marion received no less than 4 dolls, 2 of them especially large and beautiful, a pair of fine shoes, gold pins, ball, horse, and perhaps some other things that I don't think of now. Herman got a sled, a cornet, a box of blocks, a whistle, a candy horse, a big ball, a woolly cap, a stuffed cat etc. Carolus received a sled, a pistol and caps, a box of rigged ten pins, an automobile