

Waterloo, Ont.,

Dec. 3, 1917.

Dear Mother:-

Your very welcome and most interesting letter was received this morning and read with much pleasure. It is already late, but I will stay up a half hour or so and give you at least a brief reply. To make up for my own brevity I am enclosing a letter from Corvallis and some verses written by Herman. The boys seem to be both making good at school and like to go. They have been assigned pieces also for the English Christmas Service in St. John's. The baby was quite sick for several days from cutting his eye teeth but is better again though still quite weak. While I think of it Bonnie says I should ask you if there is any news from Hermine. We are having cold weather now but bright and fine. I am all but out of coal again but have the promise of a ton for tomorrow. I borrowed \$50 in order to pay for coal, so that as soon as it comes in again I will be able to lay in a little supply. The cost of it is \$9⁵⁰ per ton. You are worse off in many respects than we are. We are not restricted as yet as to the amount of sugar or any thing else we may purchase except as prices restrict

us. We use a great deal of corn meal, but even that is very expensive 5¢ per lb. We shall have an occasional case, which I presume you have met tentatively. This war business is rather expensive and I imagine many of the American people will wish before it is over that the United States hadn't embarked on such a luxurious undertaking. We Canadians will have an opportunity to pronounce to some extent on the subject on Dec. 17. The government is making a mighty effort to carry this riding and the big manufacturing interests are bringing pressure to bear on their employes, but with what effect only the election will disclose. They are threatening to close down and remove their plants from Kitchener if the people do not elect a union representative. Kitchener and Waterloo are said to be for their size the greatest manufacturing centre on the continent. The Rev. Dr. Sperling who was arrested some time ago and threatened with internment was released by the Ottawa authorities last week, there being no case against him. He preached in his church again Sunday. If he hadn't gotten off, the congregation intended to call on me to supply them. This congregation is independent but very large and very wealthy. They have a communicant membership of over 2000 - the largest Lutheran Church in Canada.

They have also a fine large Church, beautiful
 chimes and an Italian marble altar that cost
 \$1000. I was sorry to hear of Rev. Murray's
 resignation. It will be many a day before the
 congregation will find his equal as a preacher.
 I wonder where he intends to go? It never oc-
 curred to me that last Thursday was American
 Thanksgiving Day. I have lost track of American
 holidays. Our Thanksgiving Day was Oct. 8. Extend
 to Pearl our hearty congratulations over her suc-
 cess in carrying off the prize for musical compo-
 sition. She must be quite an expert and should
 soon be able to turn her talent into money. I
 hope she will not be frightened out of her wits
 in responding to the object of presentation. She
 should feel that she is as good as any of the rest
 of them or a little better, or she would not have
 earned the prize. I am getting along very nicely
 with my work and enjoy it more and more
 every day. But I must close for this time.

With much love from us all, I am

Most sincerely yours

Cornell H. Little.