

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 Cora 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 Herman. 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 \$9<sup>50</sup> 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