

Waterloo, Ont.,
Dec. 25, 1917.

Dear Mother:-

Your short letter with its generous enclosure was received yesterday morning. In view of the hard times we certainly did not expect anything of the kind and I feel that you did more than you should have done. But we thank you very heartily just the same. Bonnie and I went over to Fitchener yesterday afternoon and did some shopping. We got quite a few things and I can hardly tell you for what your money went. We bought some nice new sweaters for the three oldest boys. I bought a pair of gloves and a pair of shoes for Bonnie and she bought me a pair of gloves. Aside from nuts, oranges and candies etc we didn't buy anything else much yesterday. However, largely with the money father DeLong sent we bought a toboggan for Canalis, a set of chairs and table for Marion, a construction outfit for Herman, a rocking horse for Arthur and a toy for Robert. But as Minnie and Mada sent each of the children a nice Christmas gift they were well supplied and are spending today a very enjoyable and happy Christmas. Pastor Behrens and his family with the exception of Mrs. Behrens were out this