

Waterloo Ont.,
Dec. 29, 1918

Dear Mother:-

Your most welcome letter of the 21st reached me the day after Christmas. Many thanks for the handsome Christmas present enclosed. As the children were well supplied with candy and toys I did not follow out your directions in this case, but Bonnie and I took Marion down to Hatcher's and I added ^{\$}2⁵⁰ to it and bought her a fine overcoat. As we had previously bought coats for the boys and she needed one very badly, having outgrown her old one, I concluded that this would be the best disposition of the money. Now all the children are pretty well fitted out for the winter. We had a very pleasant and happy Christmas. We had our tree, of course. Everybody has them here and a family that didn't have one would be liable to the suspicion of being half pagan. Our tree was very pretty and symmetrical and was well decorated and lighted. There were also plenty of presents for the children. Father DeLong had sent his usual ten dollars, so that the presents didn't cost us much. I bought the