

Waterloo, Ont.,  
January 26, 1919.

Dear Mother:

Bonnie and the boys have gone to Church and I have put the other children to bed and all is quiet. I thought therefore the time opportune for starting my letter to you. Things have been going along in their usual way and nothing startling has occurred and I haven't anything beyond the humdrum to write, but perhaps common places are better than nothing. So here goes it. I was down at St. John's this morning and there was another big congregation present. I came in a little late and had to go up to the pews a few rows from the front before I could find a seat. It is encouraging to see such large congregations at ordinary services and speaks well for the church-going habits of our Lutheran people around here. But it is the morning service that is attended; the attendance in the evening is probably not over a fourth as many. I don't think it is so much the language that makes the difference as the conservative habits of the German people.

For generations they have been trained to regard the morning service as The Service and have never come to feel the same obligation towards the evening service. We are still having comparatively mild weather. We had only one real cold day last week. That was Friday. Yesterday was quite mild and there was considerable of a thaw, making even the ice on the lake a little soft. But to-day again the weather hardened a little and the skating this afternoon was grand. The boys and I were down for an hour or so before supper. There were probably two or three hundred on the ice. The children went to Sunday School in the afternoon to-day aft, but by next Sunday the whole Sunday School will be held in the morning. We have gotten into the habit of "sleeping in" on Sunday and not having breakfast till about half past nine. We will have to get over this when Sunday School is in the morning and we have four to get off to it. Carlos Maurice's oldest son Carl got back from the war last week. He phoned me that he was coming out to see me on Wednesday, but went on Tuesday to Toronto to see his sisters and I haven't heard whether he has returned.

yet or not. I imagine it will be hard for  
 him to settle down now as he wasn't a  
 great stickler before he went. The peace  
 conference seems to be making slow  
 progress. It will probably be the middle  
 of the summer before it will reach definite  
 results and then it is doubtful whether they  
 will be satisfactory all around. Anyway it will  
 give Pres. Wilson a chance to have the time of his  
 life and a field in which to show his skill as  
 the chief manipulator of world destiny. One  
 will be obliged to admire him if he pulls off  
 the Presidency of the world League of nations. I  
 see the United States has gone constitutionally  
 "bone dry." One of our local papers said the  
 other day over the stringency of the dry law  
 that it left nothing about whiskey for  
 men except to think of it and that perhaps  
 they wanted remedy that by an amendment I  
 don't know whether Canada will follow suit  
 or not. It is quite dry enough now under  
 the war time prohibition law. The subject  
 will be put to a plebiscite sometime  
 after the soldiers are all home. The impression  
 is that their votes and influence will go  
 against the measure. Bonnie just came  
 in at this point and plumped herself down  
 on my knees. She says she likes to sit on

my lap as well as ever she did. Consequently she  
remained there a long time and I forget all  
about my letter and what I was going to say.  
Did the pastor whom you called from Careys or  
Thurabants accept the call to Holy Trinity? It  
seems strange that a congregation like that  
should remain vacant for so long. It  
should teach the congregation a lesson, not  
to let a good pastor go so early when they  
have one I trust that things will move  
along more smoothly hereafter and that the  
congregation's experience will not need to  
be repeated. Pastor Mouser is getting the  
work well in hand at First English and  
is much encouraged over the prospects.  
Well, I don't know of anything else of inter-  
est, so I will close with much love to you  
all, - I am

Most Sincerely yours,  
Carroll & Miller.

Spokane  
Robert & Miller