

Waterloo Ont.
June 8, 1919.

Dear Mother:-

Your very welcome and interesting letter of the 5th inst was received to-day and was read with great pleasure. We hope you will soon get over your busy spell and find opportunity to get the necessary clothes made and be ready to pay us a visit by the last of June or first of July at the latest. Don't let anything interfere with your trip as otherwise we will be very much disappointed and besides it is your only chance of seeing the family, as it is getting so large that it will forever be out of the question to bring it south in whole or in part. And I might add its a mighty interesting family you will find too. I don't think you would find anything like it among any of the others of your numerous progeny. To-day is Whitunday and we had no less than three distinct showers, which according to the old adage prefigures a wet season. But it could hardly help but rain to-day as it has rained every day since the hot spell was broken. Up to Thursday we had about a week of weather ranging from 85° to 92 in the shade. But since the showers have come it has been very pleasant and it is wonderful how the gardens are growing. I spent nearly all

day Friday and Saturday having in mine. Every-
thing looks good except the potato bugs and they
are certainly vigorous enough. I tried to poison
them, but the rain came and washed it off and
they started at third game again. I suppose the
only remedy will be to gather them in buckets kerosene oil them and make a bonfire of them. I
preached in First English to-day while Pastor
Meurers went to Guelph. I had a fair audience
and gave them a good Whitsunday sermon. This
afternoon Mr. Berdoe, our next door neighbors,
took me and five of the children out to his
sleep farm in his "Tom Lizz". It was a fine
trip of 7 or 8 miles each way and through a
picturesque part of the country and we enjoyed
it very much. We had a great time trying to
judge the shows, but succeeded admirably.

Our Commencement came off on scheduled
(pronounced shedule in Canada) time in St. Matthew's
Church, Kitchener and was a great success. I don't
think we ever had a better commencement. And I
don't forget it and it doesn't make my letter too
bulky I will enclose a programme. I had charge
as Chairman of the proceedings and just to please the
Germans made one of the announcements in Ger-
man. I see you seem to be highly taken with
the Chatanooga. Well, we are to have one in Kitch-
ener the week of the 23rd, but as this conflict
with our Summer School I don't think we
will be able to go. I am sorry too; for I have
never been at one and have for a long time
desired the opportunity of attending one.

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I was interested in what you had to say of Guy. Hermine must be quite ambitious
and must be quite a financier to navigate
a university course with a family aboard ship. If
I got a salary of \$1800 I think I should be pretty
well satisfied though considering house and other per-
quisites I suppose mine pretty nearly amount to that.
Tell Hermine and Guy I come up before their family be-
comes like ours - immovable. I have never seen
Guy nor Hermine since she became a woman. Bonnie
had a letter from Louie (Mox's wife, Kentville, N.S.)
conveying the astonishing information that Muriel
Doris wife was on a visit there having left her
two month old baby with Doris and her mother. Louie
says that Muriel is almost a nervous wreck and
worries about everything. The baby seems about to
have finished her. The Masons are noted anyway
for nursing their nerves. As to visiting Rochester, N.Y.;
I don't know, but I don't think it would be
much if any out of your way in either coming
or going from here, though it might take you off
the main line of travel which is through Buffalo,
but if you went that way you could take the
steamer at Charlotte, the port of Rochester, and have
a fine trip across the lake to Toronto, which, I think,
you would enjoy. To come direct here from Wash-
ington ought not to take over 18 or 20 hours. Can-
cerous has written to writing poetry. I am en-

Closing one of his poems. Of course he
doesn't know anything about rhythm or metre
as yet, but he has the idea all right and
knows how to work in the rhyme on oc-
casions. I have had so much to do that I
haven't had time to enjoy my vacation
as yet and have hardly realized that it is on.
Synd and Summer School are next on the
docket and after that perhaps some can-
vassing. Bonnie says you will think
the baby about the sweetest little thing in the
world, and I second the motion. We send
love to Hermine and our little niece or nephew
or whatever they are, also to all the rest. With
love and best wishes, Jean

Most sincerely yours,
Corrolla H. Little.