

## LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND WATERLOO COLLEGE

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Dear Mother:-

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
 Round you Virgin - mother and Child, Holy Infant  
 So tender and mild." This describes the situation I am  
 in to-night on this holy Christmas - eve commemorating the  
 birth of our Saviour, as I sit down to begin my weekly letter  
 to you, the best of mothers. Bonnie and the children have gone  
 down to Church to the Sunday School Christmas concert. Little  
 Ruth is indeed asleep and the house is very still, only the noise  
 of the new kitchen clock that I bought yesterday being audible.  
 Your kind letter with its generous enclosure was received a  
 day or two ago and helped out greatly in securing for the children  
 the things they desired. Permit me to thank you heartily for your  
 generosity. I gave \$2.00 of it to Bonnie which she is going to spend  
 for the Ladies' Home Journal for herself. Her ex-step-mother did  
 not renew this subscription, but sent her a handkerchief in-  
 stead, and as she has had the Journal for the past 14 years from  
 her father she was loath to give it up. Bonnie had some  
 nice pictures of herself made like the one we sent you of  
 Eileen. I would have been glad if she had sent you one  
 but she sent it to her former step-mother instead. She had  
 only 4 or 5 made and she sent one to Meda, one to Don, one to Max  
 and kept the last one to put on the Christmas tree tonight for me.  
 Don sent her a couple of Turkish towels and me a dozen cigars. Meda  
 sent her a \$10 bill. Pearl's galop leaves arrived yesterday after  
 long delay. We immediately put them in water and they are  
 now as beautiful and fresh as they ever were. Thanks Pearl  
 our hearty thanks for them. I can't tell you the presents the  
 children are getting to night, but they are as well remembered,  
 I think as usual. Mrs. Backelmann gave Eileen a fine pair  
 of patent leather shoes and white stockings, a dress and a doll.  
 Mrs. Hoffmann did quite as much for Ruth and added some  
 candy besides. "Santa Claus" in the person of Mr. Himmelman  
 came around this afternoon and delivered toys and con-  
 ditions to all the children. This was a great surprise and  
 most of them followed him around wherever he went. Yesterday