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Dear Mother:-

I have just got back from St. John's where I preached to-night and will devote a few moments to writing my weekly letter to you with the exception of Monday and Tuesday we have had steady cold weather since I wrote you last week. Wednesday it snowed all day and the snow hung around for two or three days. And although now it has entirely disappeared the weather is exceptionally cold for the season and there are heavy frosts every night. I have had a steady fire in the furnace all week and have burned up all my coal except a few shovels full which will perhaps last out to-morrow night. On Tuesday I began planting in the garden, put out some corn and a pound or two of onion sets. But the weather has been too cold to continue and I have done nothing since. This week will be a rather busy week with me and I will have little time for gardening even if the weather conditions should prove favourable. I have several Seminary Finals coming off this week. On Friday afternoon we will have the Alumni meeting in which I am to reply to the Toast to Faculty and on Friday evening the graduation exercises in St. John's Church. On the 29th I am to attend the Canada Synod meeting in Conestogo as fraternal delegate from our Synod and the following week our own Synodical Convention at Hamilton. Fortunately I am not on the programme of the latter except for a short devotional sermon at the opening of the second session. Dr. Hoffmann preached in St. John's this morning and will preach again next Sunday. They expected to have a second trial preacher next Sunday, but he telegraphed them that he couldn't come until the following Sunday. I don't know how many they are going to hear before they call one, but I think such electioneering methods are disgraceful to all concerned. Here at the house we are in a sort of semi-quarantine just now. Robert developed the mumps on