

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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WATERLOO COLLEGE

WATERLOO, ONT., Dec 27, 1924.

Dear Mother:

As I am going to Port Huron early to-morrow morning and will not get back till late to-morrow night, I will write you my weekly letter to-night. In the first place allow me to thank you most heartily for the very generous contribution toward our Christmas cheer. As my cheque had not as yet arrived your \$10 came in for immediate use and enabled me to do considerable in the way of providing presents for the family. Soon after your letter arrived the other letters up which you gave intimation began to come in. Bible sent a cheque for \$50 - a most extraordinary present. I have heard of only one other like it and that came to Dr. Patten from his mother. Clarence sent me \$10, Herbert \$10, and Mahel and Pearl each \$5. Of this I applied \$40 on my stove and intend to put it all toward that in a month or so. But as I had run up several bills on Christmas presents I thought it best to pay them off first. My purchases along this line were a little heavier than usual due to the fact that some of the children wanted useful presents. Herman and Arthur for example had their hearts set on violins. And while I got for them only beginners instruments they cost about \$7 apiece. Herman and Arthur have been anxious for some time to take up violin and said they would practice if I should get them. Robert wanted a Bible of his own, and as I liked to encourage this



trait of character I got him a very nice for  $\$4.00$ .  
Marion had to have a pair of shoes and skates  
which cost over  $\$5.00$ . Then there were presents for  
the little ones, and for Bonnie, and candies and  
nuts and Christmas tree trimmings etc - all of which  
took money. I have written to Bille and Clarence  
and Herbert thanking them for their generosity and  
considerate thoughtfulness. I take this opportunity  
of thanking Pearl and Mabel most heartily for  
their kind and liberal gifts. I should write them  
personally but am not sure whether Mabel is still  
at home or not, and besides I have had so many  
gifts and greetings to answer that I cannot get  
around to any more this week, especially in view  
of preaching twice to-morrow. It seems to me  
that I have a wonderfully fine lot of brothers  
and sisters, and I am quite proud of them all.  
Bonnie gives me a present that I appreciate  
more than anything else. She slipped off your  
fine photograph for a few days before Christmas  
and had a nice frame put on it. As she has ex-  
cellent taste the frame brings out the picture gracefully.

I have my good kind mother's face now always  
in front of me as I sit at my desk and read or  
write or work. It will also preserve the picture  
so that it will always keep nice. We had a fine  
Christmas tree at home, lighted it up on Christmas  
eve and had a little service and distributed the  
gifts. Carulus played ably at the piano. When  
Herman and Arthur learn to play the violin we  
will have quite an orchestra here. The children  
remembered me with cigars, so that from Christmas  
to date I have had plenty to smoke, and when  
that became dry I drew on the cellar for liquid  
refreshments. The Community Christmas tree on



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The afternoon of Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> was a grand affair. The tree which was one of the most symmetrical I ever saw was beautifully decorated. Santa Claus arrived in his big red sled drawn by grey horses and Cinderella came in her car or big float while clowns on horses, real and imitation made fun for the crowd. Some 2000 stockings well-filled were distributed of which we received six. On ~~Sunday~~ <sup>Christmas</sup> morning I attended early service (8 o'clock) at St. John's. I did not attend any of the Sunday School or Children's celebrations. They occurred in the evening and that is Bonnie's time. So I left it to her, and without any regrets as I always find them more or less tiresome. On Christmas day I finished reading my N. T. through for the 16<sup>th</sup> time this year - the 103<sup>d</sup> since I have been keeping record. We had a big goose for Christmas dinner. It weighed 13 lbs. and to give you an idea of the healthy condition of the family, we consumed it all but the bones at the one meal. We have had real winter weather all through the holidays, at times exceedingly cold and very windy. To-day however, the wind died down and though the temperature was not much higher we didn't feel it so much. I kept the house warm - almost hot, but have used a lot of coal in the last week. The children are all enjoying their vacation and the Christmas holidays and are as happy as larks and as noisy as crows. But I must close. Wishing you all a blessed and bright New Year,

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Most sincerely yours

Carroll H. Little