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Dear Mother:

Your very interesting letter was received last week and was much enjoyed. We were glad to hear that you are looking forward to your trip to Canada with pleasant anticipations, which we hope will all be realized. I am at home again this Sunday, it having been arranged that I should preach in First-English for Dr. Maurer this morning, which I did. There was a large congregation and Dr. Maurer himself was present, though he took no active part in the service. He is very thin and very weak and has a small squeaky voice, which is not at all natural to him; but is much improved since the last time I saw him. If he continues to improve and doesn't start work too soon he may recover in time and last for a year or two yet. But this is somewhat doubtful. My trip to Sherwood-Unionville is postponed till next week. I am booked to help Dr. Maurer out with another Wednesday evening Lenten Service, but this will probably be a week from Wednesday. I was surprised to hear of your planting so soon in the garden. If we were to plant here now we would first have to dig through about two feet of snow! For the last couple weeks we have had not the coldest, but the steadiest and most prolonged stretch of winter through the whole season. During the past week, highways were blockaded

and trains stalled or belated through the whole Province. To-day was somewhat milder and the snow melted a little, but not very much. The winter is holding on with bull-dog tenacity. I was over to see Prof. Stille this afternoon. He is still confined to his bed, though he is improving. This is his fifth full week in bed and he doesn't yet know when he will get out. Prof. Skunkel has also been confined to his bed during the past weeks with stomach trouble; but I think he will be back at work next week. He had one of the German students to preach for him to-day. The most startling news you will find in the Cord which I am sending you. It is that Dr. Patten will be leaving us in June. He has accepted a Secretariat job from the Romanians and will have charge of their International work with headquarters in Chicago. They pay him \$5000 a year and travelling expenses over the 41 countries under his jurisdiction. He will also have under him secretaries galore representing 17 different languages, which he hopes to learn in time. He already speaks three - English, German and French fluently. We are very sorry to lose him, but we could not expect him to turn down so flattering an offer. Our Faculty seems to be getting quite a shaking up and the Board which meets on Tuesday will have its hands full of problems. I have finished my Hebrew exercises in my Chicago course and, if I can get my Thesis ready in time I will receive my S.T.D. degree at their commencement the last of April or middle of May, whenever it is. I am gathering material and will make an effort to get the matter off my hands between this and Easter. Bonnie is better of her cold and is off to Church again tonight.

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The fine time for 3 or 4 weeks. Arthur is taking Confirmation class this year and will be confirmed at Easter. Little Florence had a bad cold, congestion in nose, throat and ears and was quite sick this last week. We had to have the Dr. to come up and see her; but she seems as well as ever now. I had a letter from Bille this last week. He tells me that I have nothing over him in going bareheaded and sine coat, sine gloves etc, and thoroughly approves the idea. He thinks if I keep on I will reach your age. He says his speculations in stocks haven't turned out as he anticipated, but thinks he will be able to come up just the same, as business is quite good at present. Corvus is getting along fine at his new business and likes it very much. We have had the painter here all this last week and have been completely and abominably upset. We still have this week to look forward to, after which we may begin to feel at home again and cease to lead the life of campers. Well, I must come to a close. With love and all good wishes to you all,

I am
Most sincerely yours,
Carroll H. Little.