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Dear Mother:

Just for a change I thought I would use my typewriter this afternoon. To-day is Whitsunday and is very fine, but also quite cool. We put a fire in the furnace again this morning, and it feels quite good. The weather has been so cold that I haven't done any work in my garden since planting it. I wanted to get over it once before Synod which meets next week at Milverton; but unless there is a great change in the weather this week it will not be done. I was down at St. John's for church this morning; but didn't stay for the communion as we will have the communion at Synod next week. I am going to Guelph to-night to preach. I can leave here at 5:30 and be back by 9:30 which is a much better connection than we used to have. Last Sunday I preached down at Bridgeport, which also didn't require much time away from home. I don't know what I would do if I didn't have a considerable amount of preaching to do to eke out my income. Even as it is I am about \$50 behind on current account and the last of this month I will have about \$25 to pay out for the older children on their Provincial Examinations. But I am after our treasurer to pay us the bonus of \$100 that is due, but has not been paid as yet. If that comes in it will see me through that difficulty, and I see no use in borrowing trouble. This week just past saw the real beginning of our vacation period. I went out fishing a couple times, and each time came back high liner of the crowd. One day I caught a carp that weighed between three and four lbs. This with a few other smaller fish that I caught made us a fine meal. I hope to get out a time or two this week, but that depends on the automobiles at my disposal. The fishing grounds around here are nothing to brag about, but are better than none. I may go up with Dr. Willison after Synod to the Muskoka region for a few days. There the conditions are said to be much better. I have about all my committee work for Synod well in hand. We may have a very interesting meeting of Synod, or it may be dry and commonplace. That depends upon what comes up for discussion. The financial situation of our Seminary is likely to be thoroughly threshed out, as it needs to be. We are in about as big a hole as we have ever been, and some way out must be sought. Otherwise everything has been moving along fine and smoothly. There are so many vacancies in Synod now that it is going to be quite a problem to fill them, and I expect the question to be raised as to why two of our graduates should be going to the States at such a time as this. But this is not the fault of the Seminary Faculty, but rather of the Synodical and Missionary authorities. By the meeting of Synod we will have at least eight vacant parishes. If this goes on it will greatly hamper our work. I suppose you received the Memorial copy of the Word. It gives a good account of the College and its progress since affiliation. The high standing of our graduates gave us a great reputation. The papers gave us considerable free advertising, and the Kitchener Daily Record commended the institution editorially. Politically the infamous O.T.A. has passed out of existence, and in its place we now have the G.C.A. The papers announced a great line-up at the Government stores in the various places where they were opened up last week, but everything quiet along the Potomac, and no disorderliness at all. Every-