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Dear Mother:

I have had no word from you or from home or from any other source since coming here on Wednesday, but I presume you and Mahel are still in Washington, and I will address you there. I have been very busy and have had my time fully occupied since the opening of Synod, and last night, when we had no service, was the only night since I came on which I got to bed at the reasonable hour of 11 o'clock. On other nights it was nearer 1 a.m. when I turned in. I was having a fairly good time at Synod until the afternoon of the second day when I was elected quite unexpectedly to the office of English Secretary of the Canada Synod. Since then I have had to work hard and sleep continually at it. I don't know why they elected me unless it was on account of my good writing. The office will give me a lot of work, especially till the Minutes are published and distributed. But there are compensations: First the honour (it brings me to the front in Synod); second, the power (it puts me on the Executive Committee, and so among the ruling authorities of Synod); and last but not least, the financial benefit (the Synod annually votes an Honorarium of \$100 to each of its Secretaries). The only unfortunate thing about this is that I will not get it until next year; but it is something

to look forward to, and will help out in the long run. The Synod has been well attended and things have been moving along about as smoothly as you could expect in a bi-lingual body. We had quite a fight on the election of the Board of Governors of the Seminary. Dr. Manner wanted his member J. C. Kleebe reflected; but as Chairman of the Nominating Com. I kept his name off the ballot. So he is dropped, and in his stead we have a very fine and very able man, Mr. Carl Hornuth, M. P. P. for South Waterloo riding. Another contentious problem was the Hoffmann Memorial Hall for housing the Seminary. A drive for this purpose was strongly opposed, but we won out by a vote of 31 to 22, and the Board was authorized to go ahead with the raising of the money for this purpose. It will be a great help to us to be separated from the College and to have our own apartments. We celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation on Friday night. Dr. Willison delivered the address and I conducted the Liturgical Service. Today we ordained two of our recent graduates, Candidates L. Bald and A. Mehlenbacher. I had the honour of presenting them for ordination and also of assisting in the laying on of hands. The service was most impressive. Pastor Tuerkheim preached the German sermon and Pastor Paringer the English. The service was followed by Holy Communion. This will be held again to night in English, at which time I will conduct the Liturgy and Dr. Manner will preach the sermon. The Synod will probably continue all day to-morrow yet, but I am in hopes that we will get through in time to leave for home to-morrow evening. I came up in Dr. Willison's car No Henry Ford. We

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made it in less than an hour and a half. So if we finish up to-morrow we can leave after supper and still be at home before bed time. Milwaukee is a little town of say 1000 inhabitants. It has a couple manufacturing plants, but is for the most part sleepy, dull, and dead. It has a sort of system of water-works, but as far as I have been able to find out the water is carried only into the kitchens. There are no conveniences, no toilets, no bath-tubs, no basins. I think it may truly be said of the Milwaukeeans, "They never washes." But although I miss the water, the baths, and the swims, I think I can survive a few days longer till I reach civilization again. The people however are hospitable and put up fairly good meals and I have a nice room and a good bed and no ground for complaint, but as the poet says, "East and West, Home is best." Synod has an invitation to meet next year at Heidelberg and at Stratford. I think I will vote for Stratford, which is a city about the size of Kitchener, though I would vote for Heidelberg if I had a car, as it is only about 5 miles from home and I could come and go everyday. We had from the U.S.C.A. Dr. Wiles, Dr. J. Chaney, Hoffman, Dr. Sievert, Mr. C. F. Herman, Secy, Ludwig and perhaps a few other of the great or near-great ones. I am hoping that when I return home I will hear that you and Mabel are coming on. Love to you both, also to Bille, Stozel and Conof. With best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,
Carroll Little.

P.S. We have had fine cool weather up to yesterday and to-day, which were showery.