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Dear Mother:

As I am going down to Brantford early to-morrow morning and will not get back till late to-morrow night, I will write you a few lines to-night. We are having fine winter weather just now, the thermometer ranging around 20° above zero and a couple inches of snow being on the ground. I had a good skate of about an hour this afternoon on the ice on the lake in the park. It was just four weeks to-day that I had my last swim down there. So the interval between swimming and skating was not overly long. It would have been still shorter, only Bonnie hid my bathing suit when she thought the weather was getting too sharp for healthy swimming. But she hasn't turned the water off from the bathtub and I get my cold water bath every morning, which serves to keep me in shape and in the pink of condition. I got my cheque for November salary yesterday, and when I came back from paying my monthly accounts down town I had just 20¢ left out of the cheque.

I expect, however, to clear ^{\$}10 to-morrow.
By preaching practically every Sunday I have
done fairly well this year. I have made
gross earnings of over \$500 in this way over
and above my salary and have cleared to
date over \$400 during the year since Jan'y 1.
But it takes all of it to get along and I could
use a good deal more. I wish I could get
enough to give the children some advantages
such as music lessons etc. Bonnie is kept
so busy that she doesn't have any time and
I haven't had the money to have them take
lessons elsewhere. Dr. Patten left Friday to attend
an Educational Conference of the U. S. C. A. in Wash-
ington, D.C. I told him to call on Bille' while
he is down there and send greetings by him to
Bille' and family. Dr. Patten will be gone a full
week. On next Friday I will go to London to at-
tend the meeting of the University Senate. As Dr.
Patten will not be back in time he was very
anxious that I should attend in order that
our institution might not go unrepresented
at the meeting. The Board pays the expenses of
our Senators to these meetings. I thought when
I wrote you some time ago that the Willson
resignation matter was all settled and that
the status quo was going to continue; but Dr.
Willson gave us another shock by again
tendering his resignation to accept the Hamilton
call. He will, however, continue in his present

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position till the end of the present scholastic year. This time his resignation will undoubtedly be accepted as he says his step is irrevocable. Dr. Willison is a very ambitious man and is pained that he was not advanced to the Seminary and made President of the institution. But in my opinion he is cutting off his nose to spite his face. He is an excellent teacher and well-qualified for the position he holds, but has no special qualifications for a Theological professorship. I fear his overweening ambition has overreached itself. And I am sure his course is a mistake both for his personal advancement and for his usefulness to the Church. He has been here so long and seems so much a part of the institution that I am sorry to see him go, and I told him as much. But he will have to paddle his own canoe; I can't paddle it for him. The children are all looking forward to Christmas with anticipatory longings, which I'm afraid can only meet partial fulfilment. The College students were putting up their skating rink on the front campus to-day. That will make it very convenient for me and my crowd; but I fear it is going to be an awfully windy place, as there are no obstructions to the prevailing north west winds. Prof. Rath declined the call to the Seminary professorship.

I think his refusal to consider it was due to the way in which it was put up to him by Dr. Mauney, President of the Board, who did not favour him. Our next move will be to call the Rev. Theodore Baskett, a classmate of mine at Mt. Airy in case Prof. H. Kim of Saskatoon cannot secure the favour of the Board. The College Card came out again this week. There is nothing special in it, but I will send it to you in a day or two. Mrs. D. B. De Long and Lytton are counting on spending the winter in Arizona, and Bonnie is in fear and trembling lest they should stop off here en route around Christmas time - not that she doesn't care to see them, but because she doesn't know when to put them up for the night, or nights as the case may be. Florence fell against the book shelf the other day and ran her tooth through her tongue. She is very proud of her accomplishment and sticks her tongue out every time any one asks to see it. She has a dozen or more teeth now. But I must stop here. With love to all and all good wishes,

Jan

Most sincerely yours,

Correll Little.