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Waterloo, Ont.,  
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Dear Mother:

As there will be no mail collection after to-day till Tuesday, I thought I had better write you a short note this afternoon before the mail goes off. We are having the most beautiful Christmas weather imaginable. Snow covers the ground, the sun is shining bright, and it is only moderately cold. At three o'clock this afternoon the Community Christmas tree with Santa Claus and float accompaniments will come off. The children are all a-glee over it and bother me every few minutes asking whether it is time to go down. They are anxious for their bags of candy, though they don't really need them as we have candy and nuts galore. Before I forget it I want to thank you for your generous contribution which came in particularly good in view of the fact that we didn't get our Dec. cheques this year before Christmas. If it hadn't been for your cheque and some others that came we couldn't have got any presents for the children beyond nuts and candies. But as it is they have plenty of presents and I don't have to spend more than \$5 or so in addition to what we received. We are very grateful to you and the others who helped out and enabled us to make the children happy. Bonnie received Peo's cheque the

other day and will attend to the acknowledgment  
of it later, when she gets her new pen and when  
times are not so busy. Pearl's package for the  
children has not arrived as yet. I subscribed for  
McLean's for Pearl; but I don't know whether they  
will start the subscription before Jan 1 or not. I  
could have preached to-morrow at Brantford; but  
there is not much in it and I preferred to spend  
Christmas day at home with my family. We have  
the nicest Christmas tree this year that we ever had  
and have it beautifully trimmed, having added a quantity  
of new decorations. We will light it up and give out the  
presents to night. We got a big fine goose the other  
day weighing about 13 lbs. Bonnie is busy preparing  
it now. She made mince-meat last week and for the  
first time in several years we had something to  
put in it to make it good. You need not get excited  
about my swimming and cold water baths. The  
proof of the pudding is in the eating and I have  
had the best health the past year that I have ever  
had in spite of the fact that I have worked the hardest.  
I didn't say anything when Bonnie hid my bathing  
suit, but was as meek as Moses. But I must  
close here. Wishing you and all a happy Christ-  
mas and a New Year filled with richest blessings,

Yours

Most sincerely yours,

Carroll N. Little