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Dear Mother:

Pearl's letter was received one day last week, and we were all glad to get the good news that all is well at the old homestead. We started the new year at our institution last Monday and I put in a pretty busy week in the double capacity of bursar and professor; but I guess I am none the worse off for it. We registered four new students in our seminary, which brings the total up to nine - about an average through the years. So far I have put down on my books 49 college students, all but one of these being full-timers. There may be a few more, who haven't come in to see me as yet. In cash I took in some \$2700 all told, of which amount some \$1900 goes for tuition. So I am in hopes that we will soon get at least one round of monthly salaries. In my case this is most sorely needed, as I am completely down and out, and am using my last stamp on this letter. I haven't had a cent in my pocket for the last week, and will have to let the collection plate pass this morning without adding any contribution to it. But what one doesn't get, he can't pay out. But it is exceedingly discouraging to have hundreds of dollars owing you and not be able to get any when it is so sorely needed. It also cramps one in his activities. I had a phone call from Toronto last week asking me to broadcast a devotional sermon over the C B L network on Oct. 8th; but I had to turn it down because I had no way of getting down there and no money with which to hire a way. Perhaps I shouldn't tell you this doleful news, and I certainly don't want you to worry; but you know what the Scripture saith, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh". And this matter with the ever-increasing debts that it involves, is

ever before me. And as prices on everything are going up
due to this senseless war, it makes it that much worse. I
see President Roosevelt has called congress together for the
repeal of the embargo act in order to allow the plutocrats to
reap bleed money; and he has the gall to argue that such a poli-
cy will help to keep the U.S.A. out of the European conflict,
when he knows that it would drive them into it more rapidly
than he could more surely than anything else. But in these days money
talks, and I wouldn't be surprised if Roosevelt doesn't get
his way, he himself being of the dictator type; but the U.S.
would certainly be well advised to keep out of a war that is
no concern of hers. Last week we had a couple visits from pas-
sengers of the Canada. Syned. Rev. Peters and his wife were here
and Rev. Pfeiffer, and I had horseshoe games with both of the pas-
sengers. I was no match for the former, but succeeded in trimming
the latter. I am still swimming across the lake and back, but
I don't know how long I can keep it up, as fall is here and the
water is steadily becoming cooler. We have had some very heavy
white frosts already, and there are more to come. Our second crop
of beans is still bearing. Bonnie picked a big potful yes-
terday for dinner to-day, and they look fine and dandy. We are
expecting the N.Y. Fairites, Carelus and Herman home to-night.
From cards they wrote, we infer that they had a pretty good
time. They will no doubt tell us something of the outside world
when they get here. But I must close before I strike bottom. So
with love and all good wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Carroll

P.S. I had a letter from Aunt Nera last week. From what she
says I infer that Aunt Carrie cannot live much longer, and
that she must be a terrible sufferer.

C.H.L.