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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