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Dear Mother:

As I don't have my pen yet I will have to click off another letter to you. I'm afraid if my pen does not soon come I will get out of the way of writing altogether. I am writing to you this afternoon because we are leaving tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock for Niagara Falls, N.Y., and will not get back till late tomorrow night. We are looking forward to a great trip. I am getting a young man to drive us down in his car and am taking all of my boys with me. I am due to preach down there at 10 o'clock, daylight saving time which is 9 o'clock our time. At the close of that service I will hold a German service. I have written out a German sermon and I think I will have no trouble in getting it off, although I have never really preached in German before. After 11 o'clock our time we will be free and will spend the greater part of the day in viewing the Falls and in taking in the sights. I am booked up for preaching now every Sunday till the first Sunday in Sept. inclusive. The Sundays on the 15th and 22nd I will preach in the north at Denbigh and Mayneuth in the fishing country. I will be gone on this trip nearly two weeks, and expect to have a good time up there in the wild woods. On Friday and Saturday nights - I mean Thurs. and Friday - our annual tattoo was held. On other years they held it all on one night, but this year they divided it up with only 4 bands a night. This divided the crowds, but had the advantage of not keeping up so late at night. The fire works were grand but it was in no way different from what it was when you were here 6 years ago. It is always the same from year to year, but still it draws the crowds. There were about 5000 present each night. Arthur and Robert had passes as news boys. None of the rest of us attended, but we had a good view of the fire works from the sidewalk on Jefferson street, and so did not miss much. The weather since I wrote you last week has been consistently cool with the exception of yesterday which was hot. However toward evening yesterday it cooled down, and today is as nice and cool as one could wish. I have been going in swimming every day since I came home, and am getting in good practice in swimming. I can now swim across the lake twice without stopping, which is I think a good quarter of a mile. This is not too bad for an old codger like me. We have had lots of good rains lately, and my garden is looking fine. We have had lettuce, beans, and squashes in abundance, and one cucumber. The corn is coming along nicely and should be ready for use in a couple week's time. Bonnie has been busy putting up small fruit - black currants, cherries etc - She has about 75 jars of them to date. I received a nice letter from Bikle the other day. He expressed himself as highly satisfied with our trip home and thought it couldn't possibly have been any finer. In this I heartily agree with him. He also expressed his satisfaction with your sale of the lot to the Standard Oil Co. and said he thought you did quite a real estate stunt in putting that over. I suppose you will now soon begin work on your new porch? I think if you have it put up on the east side of the house and make it deep enough it will materially improve the property. It will give you a nice shady porch to sit on in the afternoon when naturally most use is made of porches. We are having our Dominion election here on the 14th of Sept. I am going to vote Liberal again, although I am afraid Ex-Premier King will be defeated on account of the Customs scandals that attended his last administration. Both candidates in this riding are good men and both are Lutherans. Dr. Potter has been asked to take charge of the Conservative interests as campaign manager. He will be