

St. Lawrence Lutheran Parish

Rev. Dr. C. H. Little, Pastor.

Dear Mother:-

Morrisburg, Ont. Dec 17, 1917

I have only two small sheets of paper in the house, so I will be obliged to make your letter very short to-night, but will probably be able to tell you all or them that will be of interest. Today we had our election. I haven't heard a word as yet as to how it has gone; but it gave me great satisfaction to put in my vote against the forcing of young men in Canada against their will to go to Europe to fight. I have no doubt as to how this riding will go but the way the Dominion as a whole will go is somewhat doubtful. You will probably know by the time this letter reaches you. If the people are willing to vote this servitude upon themselves I have nothing more to say against it; however much I might dispute their good taste. Another of our theological students Mr. Zined of Nova Scotia, a

member of this year's graduating class has been notified  
to join the Khaki June 3. His case was appealed by the  
government and the decision of the local tribunal was re-  
versed. The Synodical authorities I understand are going to  
ordain him on Sunday which will secure his exemption.  
He is the young man I spoke of some time ago as being  
such a fine speaker and such an excellent preacher. I don't  
think the authorities have acted squarely in his case. But he  
is such a fine physical specimen that I suppose they  
were loath to give him up. Bonnie and I were over at  
Kitchener and down town this afternoon selecting Christmas  
presents for the children. We bought some things and practi-  
cally agreed on what we would get for them. Father DeLoe  
sent us \$10 which will go a long way toward paying for  
them presents. But everything is so high this year that  
we cannot give them what we otherwise would. Rev.  
Mauver will be here Sunday to ordain Mr. Zinet and  
we expect to entertain him while he is in the city. The  
coal situation is still a hard one with us. We ran  
out of coal Sunday night and all the pipes in the  
kitchen were frozen up this morning and things were  
beginning to look desperate, but I succeeded in getting  
another half ton to-day which will put us over a  
few days longer. The Seminary was also out of coal

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but they also got in a load of soft coal to-day. So we  
will be able to keep going. We had it very cold last week  
and over Sunday. To-day however, it became a little  
milder and was a fine winter's day. I am booked to  
preach for Pastor Behrens on Sunday morning which will  
give me a little extra work this week. On the Sunday after  
Christmas I am to preach and administer the communion  
at Guelph which is being served by Mr. Wahl, a member  
of our graduating class. On Christmas morning Pastor  
Behrens will have service at 6 o'clock. This will mean  
early rising for us on Christmas day. Last night the boys  
and I went down to their Church and heard Pastor  
Buckelman preach a very excellent German sermon. We  
can hardly realize that Christmas is so near at hand  
we are very sorry that we can't send you something;

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on this occasion but it is impracticable. We can only send  
our love and best wishes, though I will try to send you  
at least a word. Cora has brought home his report from  
school to-day. He did fairly well on most things but  
failed in writing and in one other subject and lacked  
about 15 points in making his grade. Herman says  
his teacher said that he would pass. The two boys  
have part in the English Christmas service - St. John's  
on Christmas night. Marion was also given a little  
piece, but I don't think she will be able to speak up  
enough courage to say it. We had the plumbers up  
this afternoon and they succeeded in throwing out our  
pipes, so that we are all right for awhile again. We will  
have only from Friday <sup>noon</sup> till Wednesday morning for  
Christmas vacation. The Den is going to Pa. to spend  
the season with his family but the rest of us will stay  
and hold down the fort. I have now reached about  
to the end of my paper and as it is late anyway I  
will say good night. With love and best wishes for  
a happy Christmas, I am

Most sincerely yours,  
Correll H. Little