

Waterloo, Ont.,  
May 25, 1919.

Dear Mother:-

Another week has rolled around since I last wrote you, so I will try to see what I can do toward giving you a letter again. The weather the past week was very wet. It rained some, I think, every day. In consequence I didn't get any more planting done except that I set out about thirty to-mato plants. I haven't any onion in yet nor any cabbages or turnips. Everything else, however, is in and the radishes and lettuce are coming up. Pastor Maurer hasn't a seed in his garden yet and I don't know how his cut potatoes are coming on which he cut about two weeks ago. The past week was a very busy one with me as we were having our final examinations in the College and University. I got through with all mine except two which I will have this week. Then with the exception of the commencement next week, all will be over for another year. I have everything ready for the commencement except the printing of the programmes which I expect to look after tomorrow. We held the oratorical contest in Carnegie Library Hall on Tuesday night of last week. All the boys - five contestants - did well and proved a credit to our institution and made a very favorable impression. A Mr. Schmidt from Stratford carried off the prize. I presided over the "spiel".

Yesterday the Luther League of Canada  
held its annual convention. I went down  
with Prof. Willison in his "Tin Lizzie." We got  
back about half past ten last night. Among  
the important actions taken was one sever-  
ing connection with the Luther League of  
America - a sort of declaration of inde-  
pendence for our Canadian Luther League.  
The Canada League has for a long time  
felt that it was regarded as a mere adjunct  
to that of the United States and has at  
last decided to break the leading strings  
and do some walking stunts on its own  
account. I think the action was a good  
thing. Dr. Hoffmann last week declined  
the call to the Presidency of our institution  
and so another Board meeting has been  
set for Tuesday of this week. I don't know  
what they will do and don't think they  
know themselves, as Pastor Navres said  
they were all at sea on the matter. As  
things now stand they will be obliged  
to have another Professor. And while  
the agitation to get Dr. Bieber in as President  
will probably fail, it has succeeded  
to this extent that I am practically elim-  
inated from the contest. I do not care  
particularly as I am not anxious to  
shoulder the heavy responsibility and  
will be satisfied provided they get a good  
man for the head of the institution and  
do not lower my present salary. I would  
be still better satisfied if they would in-  
crease it a hundred dollars or so and  
don't know but that I shall ask them

To do so at their regular meeting in June. I really need all of fifteen hundred dollars to live on and if I don't get it here I might be tempted to go elsewhere within a year or so. But I like it here and do not wish to move again if I can make a living at all. But I would have gone behind considerably this year if it hadn't been for the extra money I made in preaching - some of which, however, I haven't got yet.

Bonnie was sick all day to-day and was in bed nearly all day with a bilious attack. I went to Church at St. John's this morning, but had to make the dinner when I got back and also had to get supper. I didn't get to Church to-night as I didn't get the dish washing done in time or the little children - put to bed before Church time. Bonnie is feeling a little better to-night and I hope will be all right by to-morrow. The other evening I was told of Mr. Drschick on the front lawn when Robert who was playing on the yard came up and said "Father, I want to urinate on the mud." Mr. Drschick almost burst his sides laughing. He said that was the most original remark he ever heard a youngster make. Pastor Benson was at the Luther League convention in Preston yesterday and delivered an address there last night. He preached for Pastor Mauer in Obichenes at both services to-day and will stay over for the Board meeting on Tuesday. I expect him out here to-morrow. We are having a Summer School here in the Seminary June 25-27. Dr. Strubel is to be present and deliver a couple lectures. Rev. Luther Hoghead and Dr. R. E. Hunt are also expected.

I have been put down for one course of lectures. This with my address on the Sunday before the two Squads at Preston on the 14th together with my gardening will give me something to think about and to do after the school is over for the year. But I guess it is well enough for a fellow to keep busy. Time hangs heavy when there isn't much to do. Dr. Sperling of the independent Lutheran Church in Kitchener was at the Convention in Boston yesterday and with an active part, his league joining the Canada League. He seems to be taking quite an interest in all our affairs lately and especially in the Seminary. His congregation could do a lot as it is the largest and wealthiest Lutheran Church in Canada and I am doing all I can to cultivate a closer relationship with them. I know of at least half a dozen new students already for our next term and I think with a little effort we can double our present student body. But I must close. With love to all and all kinds of good wishes,

J. S.  
Most sincerely yours,  
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