

New Germany, N.S.,
March 28, 1906.

My Dear Mamma:-

Your kind and exceedingly interesting letter was received last evening on my return from North River and was greatly enjoyed. Many thanks for your good wishes, also for your idea, although utterly impracticable moral counsel. I am writing you to-day - a day earlier than usual - because I may not be at home to-morrow. I am going to start for Woodstock in an hour or so to marry that couple whereof I wrote you last week. Thence I will go over to Farmington on church matters of the least importance, and will probably spend the night there. And from there I

will probably go direct to North River where I have begun catechetical work. I went up there Monday and stayed up until yesterday evening. We had a very rainy day yesterday and I was out in a good deal of it and got pretty wet coming home last night, but beyond feeling tired I am none the worse for it. To-day the weather is still dull and disagreeable, and the roads are muddy and sloppy. But I must go all the same. I hear that there was another man around yesterday wanting to get married and looking for me. It seems that they don't know that this is the closed season. This man was from my part of the Northfield parish. If he doesn't find me, he will likely go to Bridgewater and get McCrery, as both he and his proposed woman are Luthera.

I heard yesterday that our Committee appointed to look after purchase of farm for the Orphans' Home succeeded in getting it for us, and at the very reasonable price of \$100. Eighty acres of good land, two miles from Bridgewater. ^{For \$100} isn't bad. But the way we got it so cheap was this: There was a second judgement on the property for several hundred dollars held by the Hon. C. E. Kaulbach. This judgement he proposed to give us, if we bought the property. But if any one else bought it, it would still stand against the farm. This kept other bidders off, so that they did not bid on it very strong, and we got it at the above remarkably low figures. I am glad we have secured it, for it gives us a fine farm of 160 acres for the Home, and there is considerable fire wood on this second portion of the original farm, the part that we had being

pretty well stripped. Last Sunday we
 had a fine winter day. It was
 cold but bright, and there was
 still lots of snow, though on account
 of the bare spots, it wasn't made
 use of very much. But at North
 River there were a number of sleighs
 out. I had good congregations all
 around and was encouraged to
 preach with more than usual vigour.
 I crossed the New Germany Lake on
 the ice on horseback with perfect
 safety. It is not often we can cross
 it as late as this. But this March
 has been exceptional, and has been
 making up to some extent for
 our lack of winter. There is still
 considerable snow in the woods,
 and lumbermen have been
 making great use of it for the
 last couple weeks. It almost ap-
 pears now though like we are
 going to have a break up. I hope
 to get my catechetical class through

at North River by the Sunday after
 Easter. As they have practically all
 attended class several times before,
 I do not deem it necessary to spend
 so much time there this year. I
 don't know yet whether I can
 count on any or not for confirmation.
 I hope, however, to have a few there. I
 was glad to hear that Pearl was making
 so eminent a success of her
 music Department at Lavinia. She
 is certainly doing well and beats me
 all hollow on solery. It did me good
 also to hear of the compliments little
 "Bob" was receiving from competent
 artistic judges. But I must be getting
 ready to go on my trip and will
 have to ask to be excused for this
 time. With love to you all and
 best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,
 Carroll H. Little.