

New Germany, N.S.,  
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Dear Mother:-

Your post card from Washington and Fannie Lee's from Norfolk were both gladly received. I was rather surprised to hear that you had taken in the capital. You are getting around pretty well in your old days. Maybe if Herbert and I don't get down next summer you will undertake a trip up to see us. But I am glad that you got to see Washington and enjoyed your visit there so well. It is a fine city, one of the most beautiful on the continent, or at least it was so reputed to be before Roosevelt got to riding rough shod over it. How did you like the Library of Congress? It is criticised very severely by some artists as being loud and gawdy in its decorations, but I rather liked it and the crazy-quiet effect did not strike me.

But then I am no artist and my experience in such matters is quite limited. I think, however, I have developed a little in the line of Church decorations. I will put my Church against any that we have here in that respect. My New Germany Church is nearing completion. The carpenter work is done, with exception of the hanging of a gate and a swinging door and putting the finishing touches on the pulpit. The painters have got down to steady work now and I am in hopes that they will get done by Saturday a week. The whole effect is going to be fine and will be an eye-opener to people around here. The dedication is set for the fifth Sunday. I am anxious to get it over. It has of late been taking up a great deal of my time and