

St. Lawrence Parish
Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., Pastor
Marriaburg, Ont.

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Dear Mother:-

I don't remember whether I received your letter last week before, or after I wrote you, but I suppose that makes very little difference. I was sorry to hear of Uncle Julius's death, though, on account of his long illness, it was not altogether unexpected. Give my hearty sympathies to Aunt Cam and the family when you see them. I wrote a note to Rosalie after I received your letter. We are having beautiful weather now and it promises to be exceptionally fine for Christmas. It is not very cold and there is plenty of snow and the sleighing is unusually good. With practices for the Christmas Services and my other work I have been quite busy this week. We will have our tree in the lower Church on Christmas eve, and the one here on Christmas night. As Christmas comes so near to Sunday this year I will not hold any Church service on Christmas Day, but will have my regular Christmas Service on Sunday following together with communion in both Churches and confirmation in St. John's Church. I would

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have written you last night, but Mr. Stottle
came yesterday and I had a wedding also here
in the parsonage last night. This prevented
me from writing for the time being but it
brought in a fee of \$5⁰⁰ for Bonnie. She bought
a turkey yesterday for Christmas dinner and
she and Minnie baked the fruit cake some
time ago. I got a card from Clarence announcing
the shipment of a box of cigars to me at Wash-
ington, N. Y. and I think I will go over there
to-day for them. I have already received a small
box from my father-in-law. Coradus is in
both the Christmas services - the one here and the
one in St. John's. He went down with me right
before last to practice. I think he will do all
right this time. He brought his "fancy boots"
home Tuesday. He certainly does neat work in
making "mats" etc. It is a sort of finger-gentle
work in which the children take great interest.
Mr. Stottle is going to make my Christmas
addresses for me and will also probably preach
for me Sunday night. This will relieve me some-
what. Pastor Marner was around the other day
and wanted to know if I had heard from Hebert
yet. Tell him to make up his mind as soon
as possible, and we hope it will be favorable

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To Ottawa. It is, I think, a great opening for a young man with excellent prospects of working up to something fine. I received the copy of The Canadian Lutheran you sent me. The article by Miss Selzer was good and while it contained nothing particularly new to me, it was well written and exhibited discriminating judgment. I have not yet read all of President Wilson's speech from the throne for want of time, but I read the parts particularly bearing upon the war. I am not surprised that such a program Professor as Herbest is resolved not to vote for President Wilson. We all send you our heartiest wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas. I think Bonnie sent some little letters to some of you. Hope you will not have to pay customs duties on them. But I must close here. With all good wishes I am

Most sincerely yours,
Carroll Little