

member of this year's graduating class has been notified to don the khaki Jan'y 3. His case was appealed by the government and the decision of the local tribunal was reversed. 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 Pitcher's and down town this afternoon selecting Christmas presents for the children. We bought some things and practically agreed on what we would get for them. Father DeLoe sent us \$10 which will go a long way toward paying for these presents. But everything is so high this year that we cannot give them what we otherwise would. Rev. Meurer will be here Sunday to ordain Mr. Zines 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