

few of this number were given recita-  
 tions, but all of ours that were large  
 enough had pieces, viz. Corvles, Herman  
 and Marion, and they all did splendidly. I  
 was down and also to the German Church-  
 service in the morning. They had two trees beau-  
 tifully decorated and lighted with electric lights.  
 These trees were still standing at the service this  
 morning. I received a pipe and two small  
 boxes of cigars containing 24 in all, of which  
 I have perhaps a half dozen yet. Bonnie got a  
 number of useful presents, which she may de-  
 scribe to you sometime. We had a fine goose  
 weighing  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. So we didn't miss your good  
 fat hen or rooster or whatever it was. I like  
 goose better than turkey and it is the popular  
 Christmas fowl around here. Turkeys are on  
 sale only when specially ordered beforehand  
 but geese were in great abundance on the  
 market. The Seminary Board held its  
 quorally meeting on Thursday the 27th. The  
 Board expressed themselves as highly pleased  
 with my management of the institution and  
 heartily congratulated me on my success.  
 Pastor Buckelmann told the Board that  
 I made the best speech of any of the ministers  
 at the Waterloo peace celebration and that I  
 had made a fine impression upon the public.