

Lutheran Theological Seminary  
and Waterloo College  
Waterloo, Ontario

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Dear Mother:-

Just a few lines to night to let you know that all is well with yours in Canada. There isn't much news and I am late in getting started, so I am not likely to inflict a very long letter upon you. I will write only as long as my pipe lasts and the steam keeps up. I almost performed a work of supererogation to-day - went to Church twice and read the service both times, this morning in German and this evening in English. I am ready to tackle it in French now if I am furnished with a congregation owning that language as its mother tongue. Pastor Boekelmann's voice showed great improvement to-day and he preached with old time vigour and was greatly encouraged. He does not want to resign and it would be unfortunate for the Church and especially for the Seminary if he did, but up to to-day he has been seriously considering the matter. To-night the Every Member Canvass Committee made its report. Total benevolence pledged totalled about \$80, which all seemed to be quite satisfied with, though I think it is very small. However the people have never been encouraged to do much and this is a starting point, a sort of stepping stone to greater things. Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Seminary held their annual sale over in Kitchener. They were as usual quite successful.

and cleared over \$800, which was \$1,000 or so  
in advance of what they made last year.  
The few women who compose the curricula are  
great workers for the Seminary. They have for  
a number of years kept the Science room  
supplied with scientific apparatus and are  
ready to pay for anything as far as their  
funds go. They agreed to pay for some 200  
worth of chairs that I ordered for the Seminary  
this fall. Our finances are not in very good  
shape and something will have to be done  
very soon if the Seminary and College are  
to be kept running on the present standard.  
We are getting this year increased support from  
the United Lutheran Church which will help  
out some. We will get \$4500 as over against \$2000  
last year. But until the institution gets better  
support than it has at present we can't expect  
to obtain any further increases in salaries,  
which are an urgent need. With \$150 a month  
I can scarcely make ends meet. I was down  
to 10 of Saturday when my cheque came and  
when I got all my monthly accounts paid  
up I will have scarcely anything to go on  
for the rest of the month. However things are  
beginning to come down and when I get my  
piano and coal paid up I may be able  
to save a little. I owe only \$25 on my  
piano any more, and I don't know how  
much on my coal. But with a growing  
family there is always something extra crop-  
ping up that calls for an outlay of cash.  
The weather has kept up its record for  
dampness. It rained nearly every day this  
last week with the exception of one fine day  
about the middle of the week. To-day was

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much colder and was marked by snow-  
squalls which kept up at intervals all day  
and still at it with high wind to night. It  
promises to be quite cold by morning.  
Bonnie had a letter from Mada to-day. She is  
getting along nicely with her music in Boston  
and is looking forward to a visit from her  
husband next week. "Minnie" is at Mrs. Young-  
son's, widow of one of the former Episcopal rectors  
at New Germany, but now living in Kingsport  
N.S. She had gone to Sturville to Max's, but  
presumably didn't get along with Max's wife.  
Bonnie wrote her soon after she left for  
Max's, but hasn't heard from her for over  
two months, but hears occasionally indirectly  
through Mada. We will soon be on our va-  
cation again. We will close on the 21st and re-  
open on the 4th of January, which will give  
us quite a nice breathing spell. Well, my paper  
has gone out and my news has run to seed,  
so I will close. With love to you all, I am

Most sincerely yours,  
Conrad St. Little