

## LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND WATERLOO COLLEGE

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

January 14, 1923.

Dear Mother:-



Your most welcome and highly interesting letter was received a few days ago and was read with great pleasure. I shall endeavour to give you a few words in reply to-night. I am enclosing a number of snaps Consul took recently. He is not quite used to his developing tanks yet and they are perhaps not as good as they might be, but I hope they will prove sufficiently interesting. He wishes me to state particularly that the one of Ruth and myself was taken indoors. We have been having quite a snowy time since I wrote you last. It has snowed nearly every day this year. Yesterday we had about 15 inches of snow on a level and it snowed about 6 inches more last night and this morning, so that now we have fully 2 ft. of snow. We had some fairly cold weather also. Right before last it was 9 degrees below zero. The boys and I were out skating on the Seminary rink for about an hour that night and didn't mind the cold. It is hard this winter to get any skating. As soon as the rink is cleaned off it snows again and spoils it. To-day it turned considerably warmer and to night there is a mist for a change. After dinner to-day I had a telephone message from Pastor Basdelmann asking me to come down to the Church and attend the annual congregational meeting and saying that there was likely to be something doing. He anticipated, I think, that a certain antagonistic section of the congregation would ask for his resignation. But nothing developed out of the ordinary and I was rather sorry that I wasted my time going down. I was there about 3 hours and during that time there was nothing but the reading of reports, election of officers, appointment of committees etc. It was evident, however, that the great majority of the congregation

was with the pastor and that if there had been any show down  
he would have won out. I rather think Pastor Buckelmann  
will remain unless the opposition shows more vitality than  
at present and I think the congregation would make a mistake  
in letting him go. I wrote to Mabel immediately after receiving  
the five dollars she sent me at Christmas. As she had her  
address on the outside of the mailing tube I sent my letter to  
her at Gastonia. I did not know when or how long she  
would be at home. I suppose she has had the letter long  
before this. If you tell her I received it and appreciated it very  
much and thank her for it a thousand times.

I was rather surprised to hear of Mrs. Murray's removal  
to Phil College, Greenville, Pa., but was glad to hear that she  
had gotten so suitable a position. I intended to send her a  
card of greeting at Christmas but had mislaid her address and  
only came across it to-night while looking up your letter. It will  
be fine for her to have the opportunity of educating her daughter  
at Pastor Murray's alma mater.

As to the Lincolnton Parish matter I don't see that I can  
say anything different from what I told them down at Leopold's  
and Clarence's last summer when they put the suppositions  
case before me. It would be nice for us to be near the  
home folks so that we could all get together every once in a  
while. But there are other things to be considered. First I have  
a very congenial position and practically the assurance  
of a life-job. In a congregation it is next to impossible to please  
all and then the trend of congregations toward the younger  
men is to be taken into account. After a few years the ten-  
dency to want a change becomes strong. Besides I doubt if I  
would be justified from the amount of good I can accomplish  
to leave the Seminary for a parish. I hope therefore that my  
name will not be considered. I saw Pastor Kagle at Buffalo,  
but did not talk to him very much, as he had his courses and  
I had mine. I presume from your letter that you do not look  
for him to leave the Holy Trinity parish soon. I was surprised  
to learn that Dr. Lake was going to South Carolina. I thought he  
was a fixture for life in the Daniel's Parish after going back  
there the second time. I was glad to hear that Florence

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is recovering from the Flu. I didn't know that she had been sick, which perhaps is my own fault, however, as I owe her a letter since back in November, I believe. I also owe Skerwine a letter. It seems that I am a rather poor correspondent except to you to whom I write systematically. But there are others, also, I suppose. We sent both Biddle and Skerwine a photo of Eileen, but haven't heard from either one of them so much as to know whether they got it or not. Eileen came home from Sunday School rejoicing to-day because she received a pin for her first year attendance. Yesterday she asked me if to-morrow was Sunday. When I said 'yes', she said "Hooray! Then I can go to Sunday School. Father, Herman and Cora also received pins, 2nd or 3rd year series. This morning Bonnie asked Father to go for the milk. As it was not his turn he wasn't inclined to go and replied, "I am not responsible for the milk this morning." She likes to use big words. To-night Robert beat him at chess. He can't stand to be beaten and nearly always cries over it. Both he and Robert usually beat me though I get a game or so every now and then. I bought five gallons more of cider last week and should have enough to last me through the winter now. I still have on hand five or six bottles of most excellent beer and my wine is still in the making. I have just about enough coal on hand for three or four days. I was down at the dealer's yesterday and he had none on hand but said he had 3 or 4 carloads on the way that had crossed the line into Canada and expected their arrival by to-morrow. I hope they will reach here and that I will be able to get a supply before I run entirely out. Well, I must close. With love to you all, I am

Most Sincerely yours,  
Corroll H. Little