

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Dear Mother -

As I am preaching tonight down in St. John's, I have concluded to write you a few lines before hand this afternoon. We are having a real summer day to day. The sun is hot but there is a nice cool breeze blowing and in the shade or in the house it is quite comfortable. All last week while the Summer School was on we had the most delightful weather imaginable. The days were cool and bright and the nights were like the nights of autumn or early spring. The Summer School was quite a success in every way. It was well-attended and the addresses were, on the whole, far above the average on such occasions. Indeed, although the expenses ran over \$450, the receipts ran about \$50 ahead. The stars were Dr. and Mrs. Crouth with the emphasis on Mrs. Dr. Simon Peter Long, Dr. D. Burr Smith, Dr. Brueckner of the Seawater Mission, New York and the Rev. J. C. Matter. These were supplemented by local talent in the persons of Dr. E. Hoffmann and Dr. J. Manner. Of these Dr. J. P. Long was easily the most popular orator with Mrs. Crouth coming in as a close second. The third in rank was my friend and classmate, the Rev. J. C. Matter. Dr. Crouth did not make much of an impression, being overshadowed by his more famous wife. He also spoke on a rather unpopular subject, viz. Tithing.

His subject, I am reminded, was Stewardship. But as his whole argument centered around tithing, I was not far wrong in stating that as his subject. I think it is unfortunate that the Stewardship champions find it necessary to revert to O.T. ideals and usages in order to uphold their contention; for they certainly thereby weaken their position. I could take the same identical arguments advanced for tithing and prove that circumcision is obligatory and binding upon us Christians. I have no objection to people's tithing if they want to and can do so, but I do object to its being imposed as an obligation upon others. I know in my own case that it simply could not be done. Dr. Long also got off some well extravagant views, but also with this much that was good. He has a way of his own that is inimitable and one knows that he is to be taken cum grano salis. His last lecture on "What I owe to my Church" was his best and was illuminated with frequent flashes of humor. Dr. Brueckner delivered his chief lecture in the German language. He was one of the most pleasing personalities we had on the program, but spoke a little too fast and was hard to follow. I brought a large number of men over to my place from time to time to make them acquainted with Home Brew. And you should have seen how they enjoyed it. Dr. Brueckner characterized me in consequence as the "Life-Saver". Mattes also enjoyed it immensely as did a great many of the German ministers. We used up about 40 bottles during the three day session. As I have now only about 40 left, I will soon have to start another brew. It is a very cheap drink. I made about 12 gals. at a cost all told of \$1.45, and it was the very best of beer too. I preached last

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Sunday at Mansfield and cleared about 12 over
and above expenses. To night I am to preach here
in St. John's, the pastor being away on his vacation,
and next Sunday in Bridgeport with the exception
of the 20th up this month I have practically every
Sunday taken up until Sept. So, you see, I will
be kept fairly busy through the vacation, even though
I did not secure a regular preaching place.
Catharine still has the whooping-cough, though she
doesn't seem to mind it much except when the
paroxysms are on. The other children haven't taken
it as yet, though Ellen and Ruth had a similar cough
before Catharine took it. We had Pastor and Mrs. Boeckel
man up to tea the other day. They are going away
again, back to Pittsburgh on Wednesday of this week.
Strawberries are at their best now. I picked a box
last evening out of our own garden. The crop is
very good around here this year and the berries
are selling at 10¢ a box with little likelihood of going
still lower this week. We have been having them
every day, two or three times a day, for the past week
and have enjoyed them immensely. We had
strawberry pies for dinner to day. My garden
is coming along though slowly, the weather being
too cool for rapid growth. I am doing some
studying these days and hope to finish up the Hite-
meine Fathers in another week or so. I haven't
heard anything more from my Millennium Ms.
since I wrote you and don't know whether the N.L.C.

Pub. House will publish it or not. I haven't had
time to write to Paul yet and am afraid if I don't
soon get around to it that she will be on her way back
before I get it done. The will is good, but performance
is slack. The boys have been going in swimming
in the lake in the park occasionally, but I found
the weather too cool so far. If I were not preaching
to night I would go this afternoon. When I start in
I want to go every day. Dr. Willison is preaching for
Pastor Bourger in the Unionville - Sherwood Parish today.
Prof. Skille's new house is finished outside now
and presents a nice external appearance. It should
be ready for occupation in 3 or 4 weeks. Then we will
have some real close neighbors. I suppose you
will soon be going to Washington, if indeed you
are not already there. I hope you will have a
fine time and enjoy yourself. Remembers me to
Bill and his family. Blanche, I suppose, is searching
in Florida again by this time. I don't understand
why she waits the Summer School at Leominster. Why
if she intended to give up teaching and go back home.
Hope Herbert has fully recovered by this time. Give
him our best wishes and remembrances. Well, since
I have already written at unusual length I will
draw my letter to a close. With best wishes and
love from us all, I am

Most sincerely yours

Corrobert Little