

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SEMINARY OF CANADA

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Dear Mather:

Here goes my first letter for the new year, and very properly this is a letter to you. It is a fine, bright day, but very cold. The thermometer continuing all day around the zero mark. I was down at Church this morning and I was wishing you could be there too and could understand German; for what you would have heard would have done you good. Pastor Roberts told us what a bad place the United States was, declared that it was the wickedest country on the face of the earth, and proved his contention by pointing out the hurricanes, floods and catastrophes by which it was visited during the past year as a punishment for its sins and as a warning to us and others against going and doing likewise. After such a powerful arraignment I thanked my lucky stars that I was no longer a citizen of that dreadful country. The sermon would be a good antidote for 4th of July glorification. It was too bad there were no benighted citizens of the U.S.A. present to learn to see themselves as others see them, and to take heed to the warning of the prophet in Israel. But I am telling you this and you can pass it around as food for reflection. There was a service in the Church last night as the old year passed out and the new year came in. I did not attend that, but got a brief summary of it in the preaching this morning. We had nice mild weather all through the holidays. It was almost too mild for the boys who are flooding the rink; but they got in good luck last night and to-day and I think by to-morrow there will be good skating over there. I have been out several days on the dam

in the past. It is shoveled off only in spots, but these
are large enough to give one the exercise he requires. Our
vacation will soon be over - we resume work Jan'y 4 -; but
it has been a nice rest and I hope will give us suf-
ficient recuperation to enable us to face with courage the
long home-stretch of the year. If Dr. Quigg should leave,
which is quite probable, we will have considerable extra
work to do in the Seminary from Feb'y 1 on. However, I am
borrowing no trouble in that line. We had a nice Christ-
mas, gifts in sufficient quantities and cards and good
wishes galore. While I think of it, I wish you all a
bright and prosperous New Year and the Lord's richest bless-
ing through it all. I am to preach down at Bridgeport
tomorrow. Dr. Schorten is helping Pastor Roberts out by
preaching for him tomorrow. I am sorry I can't be
present as Dr. Schorten is an exceptionally fine preacher
and sticks closely to the Gospel. I received as a present
from Mabel 6 fine linen handkerchiefs, also \$10 from Billa,
both of which came in, I think, since I wrote you last. Bon-
nie also received a box of nice presents for herself and the
baby from Florence. Bonnie wanted me to get a suit for
Christmas; but I couldn't see my way clear to afford it. I
compromised, however, by having a pair of trousers made.
I hope with these to get through the winter. The children all
had a fine time during the holidays with their sleds, skates,
to-boggans etc. I put in a good deal of the time in study
and read 5 or 6 books on my Chicago Seminary course.
I have had plenty to smoke and a little to drink and
so have passed the time quite comfortably. Tomorrow
is our town election. The Mayor and Revere went in by acclama-
tion; but we still have about 7 men to elect. Watuloo
has grown to a town of over 7000 now which is a growth of
about 2000 since I've been here. But I must stop
here. With love and all good wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Carroll St. Little