

Pastor Dr. Boekelmann gave us a short call on Tuesday before he left for Pittsburgh. He is looking well and feeling fine. He gave Helen ^{\$1.00} as a remembrance from her grandfather. I didn't hear him preach, but they said he had a full hour, both morning and evening. On Wednesday evening the celebration reached its close with a flow of oratory from Pastor Kalbfleisch, representing Elmira, Pastor Schneider of St. Matthew's, Prof. Stentzel of the Kitchener Conference, Pastor Knapp, Preston, and your humble servant delegated by President Reble to convey to St. John's the greetings of the Canada Synod.

We also had a meeting of the Executive Committee of Synod in the Seminary one day this week, and transacted considerable business, chief of which was the selling of the Lutheran Book Room in Kitchener. This has always been a white elephant on the hands of Synod and has entailed a loss of some \$2000 since it began. We sold it for \$1000 to the present manager, Mr. Kleemann. Little Florence walks around as well as any of the other children and goes everywhere as if she had always walked.

I had my last swim of the season in the lake in the Park on Thursday, Dec. 20. The water was somewhat cold and stinging, but I was in only from 5 to 10 minutes, and found the bath very refreshing. Well, I must close and get to work on my sermons for to-morrow. With best wishes and much love, I am

most faithfully yours,
Cornell Whittle