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Dear Mother:

As I am going up to Ellen to-morrow and do not know just when I will get back I thought I would write you a few lines to-night. Dr. Froate is driving me up in his car and Herman, Arthur, and Robert are going with me. We will probably get back to-morrow afternoon before supper; but I do not know for sure. I received my salary for July on the 23rd of August and spent every cent of it the same day in paying off my bills. So I am no better off now than I was before. The other men have not received their salary yet and I got mine only by going down after it. I had also to collect my money for preaching in St. John's, and tried to collect from First English; but so far have not succeeded. I also didn't get anything for preaching last Sunday at Heepeler as yet. It seems that when a man is "down and out," every man's hand is against him. However, we haven't suffered anything as yet except some inconveniences. I hope the situation will improve, but I don't

see very great prospects for it. After the various departments of the school open up there will be fees coming in which should tide us over for a month or two, and it may be that after that there will be sufficient money coming in from the apportionments to keep us running for a while longer. Dr. Willison showed up last week to "organize the Seminary Faculty." I had it hot and heavy with him for about two hours. He is absolutely impossible and if he ever should become President of this institution it will be high time for me to get out. He has it in for Prof. Gendovffer and myself because we declined to further his ambitious designs and he is trying in every way possible to humiliate us. He wanted to jumble up the Faculties in such a way that you would never know whether a man belonged to the Seminary or to the College. He thinks that by interlocking them he can prevent the Seminary from ever being separated from the College. He proposed Prof. S. W. Hittle for the subject of Homilies in the Seminary. I told him I would never consent to that; that I was down at First English Sunday and heard Hittle announce his subject for next Sunday - "God's Failures"; and I said I would never consent to a man who announced such a blasphemous subject teaching our boys Homilies. I suppose he went straight over and told Hittle; for the latter hardly speaks to me

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any more, which, however, is not a great social
loss. I told him I considered it a downright in-
sult to the Seminary Faculty that they picked out
it to be 'organized'; and that if we were such in-
capables the best thing would be to dismiss off
I said it was also a reflection on the Faculty
that the Board should determine to bring in a new
and untried man as President and make him
at the same time Dean of the Seminary. His only
answer to this was that it couldn't be helped.
He said he didn't want to take the position of
"Institutional Supervisor," but was prevailed upon
by the Board to accept it, when I knew as a matter
of fact that the whole suggestion came from him and
that he knew that no one else would be given
the job. He said I had no authority until he
had organized the Faculty and that he could put in
any man that he wanted to. He even wanted to give
Dr. Schostin my Junior Dogmatics. But I had my
schedule of courses for each professor drawn up; and
the only concession that I made - and that under pro-
test - was that I might take Catechetics, a
minor subject that occurs once a week. He had the
gall to tell me how to teach and to instruct me
as to the sending out of students and supplies. He
said I should make out a list and not send a

out only the professors as was done last year. That
wasn't true in the first place, although I had nothing
to do with it. Had even if it had been true it came
with very bad grace from him who had supplanted
Hamilton practically every Sunday last year and
not only did not send students, but not even pro-
fessors there. He was ugly, and all because I
didn't recommend him for President of the whole
institution, Dean of the Seminary, Dean of the College
and Housefather. I didn't recommend him and I
never would; for he has neither the temperament
nor the qualifications that are required. But as I
anticipated he is going to make us all kinds of
trouble and he doesn't want to allow us to say
a word or make any suggestions to the Board,
Willison dominates the Board with two clerical
exceptions. These men were not at the meeting when
it was decided to "organize" the Seminary Faculty and
appoint an "Institutional Supervisor." I think at the
next Board meeting they will put up a fight. Willison
warned me against making any "propaganda." He
wants a monopoly on that himself. I never saw
a man with such a swelled head as he has or
one so overwhelmed with ambition. I am sure
he must be perfectly unhappy. We are having nice
cool weather now and lots of corn. We eat some
times 70 or more ears at a meal. I didn't enter the
marathon swim to-day. There were too many expert
swimmers for me; but I swam around the course
yesterday. I took up so much space over our troubles
that I am not able to write much else. So I will close
at this convenient spot. With love to you all and all good
wishes, I am
Yours sincerely,
Corroell H. Little