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Letter from Germany

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Breslau. 18 November 1922

[A letter written by Professor Dr. Gustav Goehlich to Mr. Proske of the Volksblatt, the first part of which is impossible to make out for me but judging by the second part this letter deals with a problem of stealing monies from letters sent to Germany from America and other parts of the world.]

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Kleinbiesnitz, 29 December 1922

Dear Mr. Proske,

You gave us much joy with your very generous gift this Christmas. Pastor Winkelmann came down from Kunnerwitz because a little child had to be baptized. We thank all of your generous givers and you who had been so willing to pass on our request for help. Please thank Mr. Zoch and Lingnau and pass on our best wishes for the new year. We received many gifts at Christmas and many hearts were warmed by God. You thought of our need. Everything is so expensive and prices continue to climb. Some people think prices will fall but it is impossible. Many manufacturers are closing or only work half days. Our emergency situation will increase. The little child who will be baptized has to stay in our home because the parents are refugees from Posen. They only have one room and both have to earn money to make ends meet. It is very difficult for them to leave their little child in a home like ours. It weighs only 5 pounds but the shortage of living quarters is very real. For several weeks we have had to refuse the acceptance of children because we did not have the space for them. We hope Germany will once more enter better times and our people rise up once more. Our harvest was not very good except for potatoes. But God will help us through this misery. At the present we have flu season. We blame the poor nourishment. Many of our young people have fallen ill. So far our winter has been mild which is a blessing as there is a shortage of coal.

I wish you a blessed new year, your grateful Deaconess Johanna Schulte, Head Deaconess of the Upper Lusatian Deaconess Synod.

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