

~~Second Presbyterian Church,
COR. SIXTEENTH AND CHESTNUT STS.
B. F. BEDINGER, - Pastor.~~

Louisville, Ky. June 14th 1887.

Commission met on call of Chairman in Dr. Akin's office, and was constituted with prayer, Rev. J. H. Morrison in the chair. Present, J. H. Morrison, S. P. Taylor, J. J. Cooke, Dr. J. W. Akin and B. F. Bedinger. After reading communications from the Elders of Hart and Mumfordsville Churches it was moved and carried that we postpone action until we have a fuller meeting of the Commission. On motion Com. adj. To meet Monday, June 20th at 12 m. in Second Presbyterian Church. Closed with prayer by Dr. Akin.
B. F. Bedinger, Clk.

June 20/87

Met pursuant to adj
in study of 2nd ch
Present
E. W. Redinger D.D. in
Chair - opened w. prayer
Present - Elv B. J.
M. L. J. J. Cook Dr
A + B. B. -

Communication from Hart
Ch. read - also from
session of Newforville ch.
Motion by Thomson the chair
man of H. M. said that we adhere
to former action on the ground
that the circumstances of the
Genl Assembly's com. do not
warrant meet.

The churches if they see fit.
as far as we are concerned
may give them their relation
with the church as usual.
A letter of resignation from
Rev. J. C. Buchanan was read.

On motion the chairman was
instructed to write to both
churches and explain our
position in full.

~~On motion the commission
accepted Mr. Buchanan's
resignation & recommended
the attempt to accept the
commission accepted Mr.
Buchanan's resignation~~

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June 20th 1887
D.F.B.
1607 St. Albans
Vt. Town. N.Y.
Rev. J. C. Buchanan

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Young, \$360, B. F. Bedinger, \$190, S. F. Ny-
lor, \$140

Rev. Jas. H. Morrison, and Elder W. W. Young
reported a visit to Cave City.

On motion com. adjourned with prayer.

B. F. Bedinger, cl

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Louisville, Ky. May 16th 1887

Commission appointed to visit Mumfordsville field met this day in Dr. Atkin's room, ^{and was opened with prayer} Present, Geo. Bedinger D.D., Jas. H. Morrison, S. F. Taylor, A. J. W. Atkin, W. W. Young and B. F. Bedinger.

The report of the meeting held in Mumfordsville church, May 9th, was read and approved. After oral statements by the members of Com. who visited the field a motion ^{it was moved} ~~was made~~ and carried, that the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee be instructed to write to the Rev. Jas. C. Buchanan to inform him that the Committee declines to recommend to the Genl. Assembly's Com. the payment of the 2nd installment of his salary after June 15th 1887.

On motion the following expense accounts were allowed, Jas. H. Morrison \$3⁶⁰, W. W.

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When he goes he stays too long. Is liked reasonably well socially. Is consistent in his life and generally has the respect of the people. While his work is not as satisfactory as I would like, I will oppose any movement to ~~disturb~~ disturb the existing relation. The same question was then put to the elders of the Mumfordsville Church.

Answer. We have no charges to prefer against our preacher. His work has not given satisfaction but we do not want ~~the~~ a change made until the end of the year.

This ended our formal inquiry. A good congregation assemble for public worship in the evening.

We failed to find any one in the church or town who was ready to commend anything Mr. B. has done since living among them.

On the contrary we received painful evidence that we could not place entire confidence in the statements he made to us. His lack of

adaptability and his inability to do the work that is needed in Mumfordsville is in our judgment beyond question.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. F. Bedinger, Clerk

May 16th, 1887

Met in Dr. Aikin's room -

Report of meeting May 9th read -

After conference it was moved and carried that the Chairman, Mr. Corn. Dr. instructed to write to Rev. Mr. B. and inform him that the Com. declines to recommend to the Health Assn's Com. the payment of the 2nd installment of his salary beyond

June 15th 1887 -

Expenses allowed: -
Jas H. Morrison 3 60
W. W. Young 3 60
B. F. Bedinger 1 90
S. F. Taylor 1 40

Mr. reported visit to Can City -

June 17th - Dr. A's office

Present - J. H. Mr. J. Cooke, S. A. J. Dr. C. B. A. B. J. H. M. Chan.

Opened with prayer -
Motion made and carried to postpone action until we have a full meeting.
Adjourned to meet Monday June 20 at 12 M. in Second Church -

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B. F. BEDINGER, - Pastor.

Louisville, Ky. June 20th 1887.

Commission met pursuant to adjournment in Study of Second Presbyterian Church at 12 M., Rev. E. W. Bedinger in the chair. Opened with prayer. Present Revs. E. W. Bedinger, Jas. H. Morrison, ^{J. G. Cooke} S. J. Taylor, and B. F. Bedinger, and Ruling Elder J. W. Allen. Minutes read and approved.

A communication from the Session of Hart Church was read, also a communication from the elders of Manfordville. Next, a letter was read from Rev. J. C. Buchanan, resigning his position as Evangelist in the Hart Co. field. After mature deliberation the following motions were unanimously passed;

1. The Commission hereby accepts Mr. Buchanan's resignation.

2. We instruct the chairman of Home Mission Committee to write to the churches concerned and explain the situation and our action in full, ^{and visit the field if possible} Adjourned with prayer to meet in same place July 4th at 12 M. B. F. Bedinger, clk.

July 4th Com. met - No quorum adj. to

July 11th at 11 a. m. (S. F. J. Cooke. E. W. B. R. G. B.)

July 11th Com. met. E. W. B. R. G. B. J. J. Cooke, J. W. A.

Chairman made report - Prof Cooke moved -

Com. has heard rep. of John - who visited Hart Hill
and ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~approve~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~and~~ ~~return~~ ~~him~~ ~~the~~ ~~sum~~ ~~of~~ ~~25~~
~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~office~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~secretary~~ ~~and~~ ~~obtain~~ ~~the~~ ~~signature~~ ~~of~~ ~~payment~~

to Rev. J. C. Buchanan to July 1st as suggested.

Therein adopted unanimously -

Minutes read and approved -

On motion adj. -

July 10th 1887. ^{Lou. Ky.} Commission met pursuant to adjournment. Present Rev. E. W. Bedinger, S. F. Payton, J. J. Cooke and B. F. Bedinger. No quorum being present Commission adj. to meet in same place July 11th at 11 A.M.
B. F. Bedinger, clk.

July 11th 1887. ^{Lou. Ky.} Commission met at 11 a.m. in study of 2nd Pres. Ch. Lou. Present Revs. E. W. Bedinger, J. J. Cooke, B. F. Bedinger and J. W. Alkin, Ruling Elder. Opened with prayer by the Chairman, Dr. Bedinger. The Chairman made a report that in compliance with the instructions of the Commission he had visited, Carr City, Glasgow June, Mumfordsville and Cameron, that he had explained fully and to the satisfaction of all parties the course of the Committee of Home Missions; that the churches had agreed to pay Mr. Buchanan's salary for the whole year and release him July 1st, that he recommended that we extend the time of payment of salary from the Home Mission Fund to July 1st, 1887. In connection with which he read a letter from the elders of Mumfordsville, stating that Mr. B. had formally resigned and thanking the Commission and Presbytery for the courtesy here pursued. Rev. J. J. Cooke moved as follows: Commission has heard the report of Rev. E. W. Bedinger who visited the Hart field and most heartily approves the same and hereby extends

the time of payment to Rev. J. C. Buchanan
from the Home Mission Funds to July 1st, 1887,
as suggested therein. This was carried by a
unanimous vote.

The minutes were then read and approved.
On motion Cong. adj. sine die and were
led in prayer by Dr. Akin.

B. F. Bedinger
Clerk

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Savannah, Ga.

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B. F. BEDINGER, Pastor

Report of Commission appointed to
visit Munfordville Church.

~~Munfordville, Ky.~~

~~1887~~

Commission met according to appointment in the Presbyterian Church in Munfordville, Ky. May 9th 1887, Rev. Jas. H. Morrison, Rev. S. F. Taylor, Rev. B. F. Bedinger and Ruling Elder W. W. Young being present. Rev. Jas. H. Morrison was made chairman and B. F. Bedinger, clerk.

Rev. Jas. C. Buchanan and Elders Chas. A. Epes and Robt. Armstrong of the Munfordville Church, Dr. Wm Adair of Hart Church and S. J. Preston of Cave City Church, appeared. Session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the chairman, after which he stated briefly that we had been sent to inquire into the condition of the churches of that field and to ascertain their needs. He then called upon Bro. Preston from Cave City. There are 5 members at that point - a church ⁱⁿ ~~very~~ much out of repair. Have had but one sermon ^{by} since Mr. Dixon ^{by Mr. Buchanan} left. Can raise \$25⁰⁰ for preaching. They attend a sermon

S. S. Ten or twelve persons might be reached now who would join our church if a meeting was held.

Dr. Adair from Hart Ch. reported 24 members, 4 Elders & one deacon. There have been three additions there recently. They own 1/4 interest in a Union Church. Pay \$75.00 a year to the preacher for one service a month. Members do not attend well because of distance from church, bad roads and bad weather. Mr. Buchanan has been there three times when there was no congregation at all. He claimed they were "true blue" Presbyterians - they have held on under discouragements for 30 yrs.

The majority of the members live near a Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, and to accommodate them Mr. B. preaches there Saturday nights before his day at Hart Ch. Had a protracted meeting 4 years ago. Prospect for growth not very good. Most of the people are members of some church. What they want is, help to pay a preacher and ~~just such a visit as was made~~ ^{similar} to one to Mumfordsville and some preaching.

Chas. D. Epes, of Mumfordsville, reported that they have about 15 members, 2 Elders & no deacons.

They pay \$160 a year and passage. Have not paid up promptly. "We have not done as much nor as well as we might have done."

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~~Munfordville, Ky.~~

~~1884~~

There are perhaps 50 people who might be gathered in, but do not think we are ready for a special effort now.

Rev. J. C. Buchanan confirmed what had been said by the elders and added some explanations. The weather had been bad all winter and the house unfit for occupancy, hence congregations could not be maintained. Elders do not pray in public and of late rarely attend the prayer meeting. He had missed no public service but had attended when the weather was such that no congregation came. His time is employed as follows:— 1st Sabbath at Franklin Academy, 3 miles from Munfordville, Preaching Saturday night and twice on the Sabbath. They take a collection each time he goes. Last time it amounted to \$3⁶⁰. Good congregations and two have given this promise to join the Munfordville ch. The 2^d & 4th Sabbaths are given to " "

as follows:— Sabbath School, Sermon at 11
a.m., Bible Class at 3 P.M. + sermon again
at 7:30 p.m. In addition a prayer service
is held on Wednesday evenings. The 3rd Sab. of
each month is employed at Hart as stated above.
He said he had not done the visiting he had
wanted to do. Largely because of sickness in his
family. For three months neither his wife nor daughter
had been able to do anything and all the work
of the house had devolved upon him. Still he
claimed that he had been to nearly every house
in the town. He said further that he had been reg-
lected by the officers and members, ~~and~~ had suf-
fered for necessities, ~~and~~ ^{had been} compelled to borrow from
an outsider and had drawn and used \$65⁰⁰ of
his own money— all he had when he went there.
~~After singing~~ These latter statements were made
to the Commission privately upon their inquiry—
After singing and prayer the public session was
dismissed and the elders of the churches detained
for private conference.

The Moderator stated that information had been
received to the effect that Mr. B. was not meet-
ing the wants of that field and the Com. wanted
to ascertain the facts in the case definitely.
Justin to Dr. Adair. "Do you think that under the
circumstances Mr. B. is doing the work that
ought reasonably to be expected of him?"
Answer. His sermons are acceptable. His pastoral
work is not ^{so} satisfactory. He does not "pitch out."

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Louisville, Ky. May 18th 1888.

Dear Pa,

I received today a letter from P. S. Forman of Midway Ky. which I enclose herewith. I deposit ~~the \$K. to your credit as Treas.~~ ^{enclose ch. acco -} Treas.

Sadie did not come to our house as she wrote me she would. I went up to the boat to meet her Wednesday morning at six o'clock and waited until seven, but it did not come. I learned afterwards that the boat came, so suppose Sadie went directly out to Anchorage. We are all right well.

With much love,

Yours, as ever,