

Jan 23, 1890,

Dear Bro - What was our understanding  
about the amount our church was assessed  
for Evangelistic work? I feel compelled  
to ask you to cut it down very low  
we can't raise much - Buying the  
passage cut us down some - and losing  
about half dozen of our chief supporters  
to the Crescent Hill Church cut us down  
still more - make another cut of ten  
dollars will you? - Reply at once  
Yours truly R. C. Caldwell

Ans'd. Jan 29-90.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE



Bedford, L.L.  
Anchorage  
Ky.

306 E. Broadway  
Louisville Ky  
Jan 21, 1890

Rev E. W. Bedding, D.D.

My dear Sir & Brother

Will you be kind  
enough to send me by return  
mail Forty Evangelistic Course  
Maps of the State. - We

will take up the collection  
for this course Feb 1st and  
want to send out the circulars  
right away, - as well as  
notice it from the pulpit  
next Sunday morning.

Any other circulars or points  
will be thankfully rec'd.

Yrs Truly

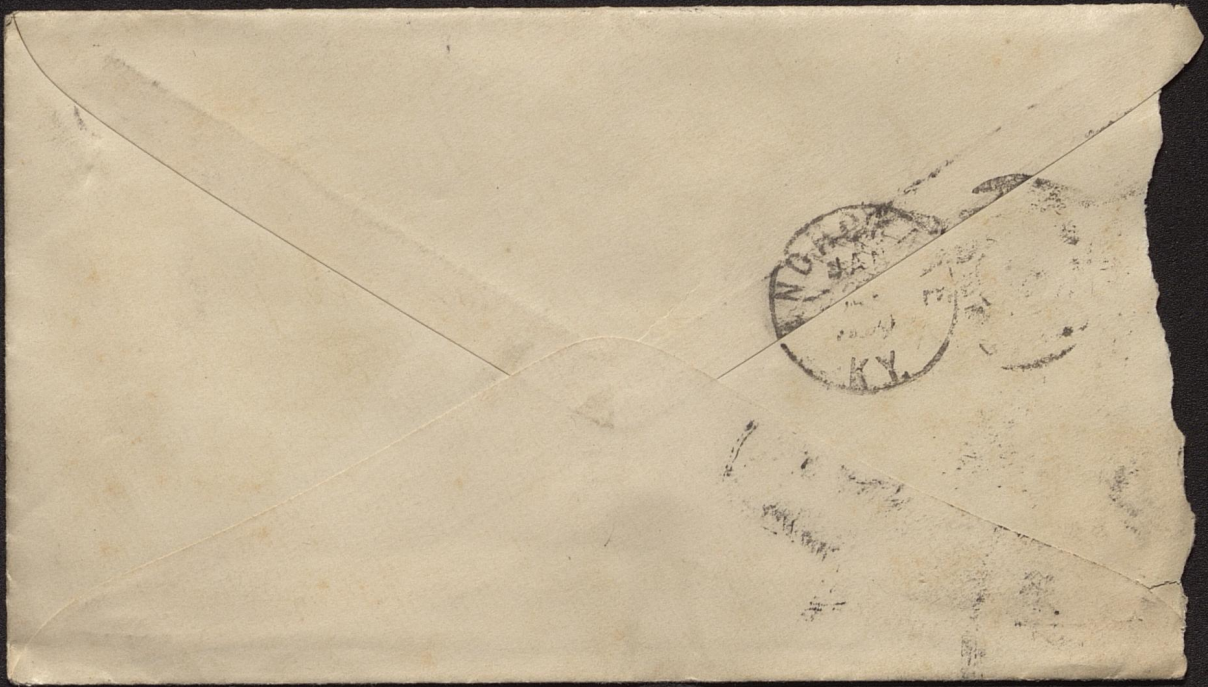
Robt Caldwell

Jan 21, 1890



Maple sent Jan 21-90

Rev E. W. Bedinger R. O.  
Anchorage  
Kentucky.



Louisville Ky

Feb 15, 1892

Dear Mr Bedinger

Since my letter was written on Friday night a different aspect has been given to the matter of my call to the Evangelistic work. Somehow I felt led to the conviction that the call if it was a call demanded something decided on my part - more decided than I had been disposed to be. It appeared to me that if I was called it would not do to hesitate or waver about it and that I ought to give some clear utterance on the subject both to the Committee and to the Church. I believe that the work demands the whole heart or none and after reviewing the whole matter it seemed that I must regard it as the Masters summons and obey it -

Yesterday morning I called the session before the service began

and laid the matter before them - at  
my request the Congregation was  
called ~~last~~ Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and I  
so announced from the pulpit -  
and I publicly stated that my  
decision was to accept the call subject  
to the action of the Presbytery -  
This puts the case now entirely  
out of my hands - It is with  
the Congregation to say whether they  
will unite with me or not and it  
is with the Presbytery to conclude  
the matter next Tuesday in its own way.

I honestly believe that this is  
the only proper course for me in  
view of the high responsibilities involved  
and <sup>in view of</sup> the very plain fact that the Master  
wants no uncertain sound from  
any man in response to so important  
a call.

The only thing that troubles me is  
the question of my entire fitness to  
work. Though I ought to remember that  
He gives us work without the needed grace  
Will you not unite with me in the prayer  
that the Lord will make it so clear to the  
Presbytery how to act that I shall be in no doubt  
whatever about my full duty -

I do not know what course my  
church will take now that I have  
expressed my disposition to accept the  
call so decidedly - and as the action of  
the Presbytery will be largely dependent  
upon the church perhaps I should  
ask you to make that the subject of  
prayer - If it is wrong for me  
to go and if I am mistaken in the  
indications of the Master's will. I  
certainly desire that it shall be  
defeated, and strongly defeated.

I hope to see you this week.  
Then on several matters to be  
talked over. When will you  
be in the city? or when could  
I find you at Anchorage? It  
would be most convenient for me  
to have you come to Louisville for  
I am very busy just now.

Yours in the gospel  
Robt. E. Caldwell



Louisa Ky  
Feb 11, 1892.

Dear Mr Bedinger

I feel disposed to let the matter take the regular course in Presbytery. The call & be presented on 23<sup>d</sup> the Church & be cited say about March 8<sup>th</sup> which will be the earliest possible time to meet the requirements of the Book of Church order.

The people here are greatly stirred up. And I understand that they are not only going to fight it but are trying to get the matter in shape to go before Presbytery on 23<sup>d</sup> to see if the representation of the Committee can not be advised to desist from further prosecution of the call. I am satisfied that they can not be ready by that time however and shall urge the regular delay and usual manner of process. - My position with

the Church is this that I shall  
reserve final decision until  
the second meeting about March 8<sup>th</sup>  
but I tell them plainly that it  
is likely that I shall accept the  
call - unless they can show  
very plainly and to the satisfaction  
of the Presbytery and myself that  
it is my duty to remain when I  
am - ~~at the present~~ I am told by  
some of my leading men that they  
think they can do this - I have my  
serious doubts however.

Could you find it convenient  
I should like to have you come  
over and see me sometime before the  
meeting on the 23<sup>d</sup> - almost any  
day you may happen to be in  
the city - Drop me a card - Or  
I might arrange to go out to see  
you if I had any assurance  
of finding you at home.

I am perfectly willing to  
go on the visit to the various

Churches you named in any  
event. If the Presbytery  
shall dissolve the relation I could  
enter the work March 13<sup>th</sup>. The  
Communion falls here on Second  
Sabbath and it would be best  
to leave until that is over.

I earnestly desire that you  
entreat the Lord to show me plainly  
and emphatically what His will is.  
In this matter I sincerely desire to  
do just what He would have me do.

Yours with Cordial regards  
Robt E Caldwell

LOUISVILLE, KY.  
FEB 13  
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Rev E. W. Bedinger M. D.  
Anchorage  
Kentucky.



Murray Ky  
Aug 3/1892

Rev E. W. Bedinger W. W.

Anchorage Ky

We were forced to order a lot of Gospel  
Hymns by telegraph - Our order was for  
50 copies Combined G. H. Living words  
only which we expected to cost 10<sup>cts</sup> each  
They sent us the 20<sup>cts</sup> edition - It  
seems that there is nothing else to do but to  
take them on on under necessity for the  
immediate use here and at Hordin.

If you wish us to <sup>try to</sup> ~~earn~~ dispose  
of them at Hordin - I trust you  
will sanction the purchase and honor  
the bill - I have written to the Louisville  
House stating that the bill has been sent  
to you as Pres. of the Committee - We  
began here Sunday - Have already  
secured the signatures of eight people  
to the covenant petition for an organization

We have good hopes of at least one out  
of three or four possible chances for  
an acceptable elder and yet we would  
not have you to expect too much. unless  
we can get the proper man we shall  
delay the organization. The  
congregations both night & morning  
are very good and will grow from  
day to day.

With cordial regards

Very truly yours  
Robt E Caldwell

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Rev E. W. Bedinger, M.D.  
Anchorage  
Ky



Henderson Ky  
April 28/892

Rev E W Bedinger D.D.  
Anchorage Ky

My dear Sir and Brother

We have just  
arranged to close the meeting here at the end of  
eighteen days. - We have had a great blessing  
in many ways. - The Congregations have been  
very fine both in the afternoon and at night.  
There have been eighteen (18) Professions  
- You may know what a success the work has  
been when I tell you that the prejudicial and  
general selfishness in regard to the Synod's work  
seems to be entirely obliterated. - Last Sunday  
morning the collection for the cause was very  
encouraging the full amount of the appropriation  
being raised upon the spot \$43.00. - The Church  
will ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> glad to see before I leave the additional amount  
of my pro diem here, also my R.R. expenses.  
which amount I will turn over to you or account  
to you for. Curranis & I agree that it will come  
easier to have it made up & give me than to let it

sted and be sent with the <sup>45</sup> by on by the  
Treasurer. The people seem desirous  
that I spend a part of my next time here and I  
will remain with Cummings until ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Saturday</sup> any  
way and probably Monday. Wicker is  
arranging for the meeting to begin at Jackson  
Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> - Will you meet me  
in Little Tuesday or drop me a letter care Hugh  
L. Bont - By Lithograph Co. I will call in there  
Tuesday about noon - also at Col Young's office

I have enjoyed the work here very much and  
~~am~~ <sup>live</sup> in much better shape physically than when I came  
With Cordial regards

Yours faithfully  
Robt. E. Caldwell.

Henderson Ky  
April 30, 1892

Dear Mr Bedinger:

Bro Swarts came over  
this afternoon and we have arranged to hold  
a meeting at Mountain. He preaches there tomorrow  
& conducts the services Monday & Tuesday nights  
I expect to take hold Wednesday night.

We thought it best to get them before leaving at  
Morganfield. He is anxious that

Uncle Joe Hopper be sent to our help and

I shall be heartily glad to have him. With  
this force and perhaps Wiley also we hope  
for good results.

When Bro Swarts  
mentioned Bro Hopper it occurred to me  
that I had seen in the morning paper that  
our church at Groves was destroyed by  
a tornado - this may defer the meeting  
at that place - and it being near us  
Uncle Joe could come to us with ease.

Suppose you telegraph him to that effect  
if you think it wise and expedient.

Yours very cordially, Robt E Caldwell

Henderson Ky  
April 29 1892

Rev E W Bedinger d d  
Anchorage Ky

My dear Sir and Brother =

I wrote to you yesterday morning - and your telegram came while I was at supper. I suppose you have received my letter early this a. m. - The meeting was a little uncertain in its continuance and I put off writing from day to day hoping to have something definite to say. We closed last night - Your letter this morning is not altogether satisfactory to me - It seems to me that before a change was made in the plan I should have been consulted - especially in view of all that was said and the reasons for my going to Jackson given before the Committee. My arrangements have all been made with Mckel - it was entirely convenient to place the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> - and I confidently expected to go - That is an important point in the Synod's work - and I have been engaged to do

the work for the Squad - I feel that Mr Elroy  
should not have been asked to do it -

I am told that Nourse held a meeting for  
Sweets not a great while ago and that the need  
there is not so very pressing - It will be perfectly  
satisfactory however to be with him and if that is  
the wish of the Committee I shall go. I have  
expressed myself very frankly to you in what  
I have said and you may expect me to be just  
as frank in the future and I might as well say  
now once for all that this work can be made  
very agreeable and pleasant to me or it can  
be made just the reverse.

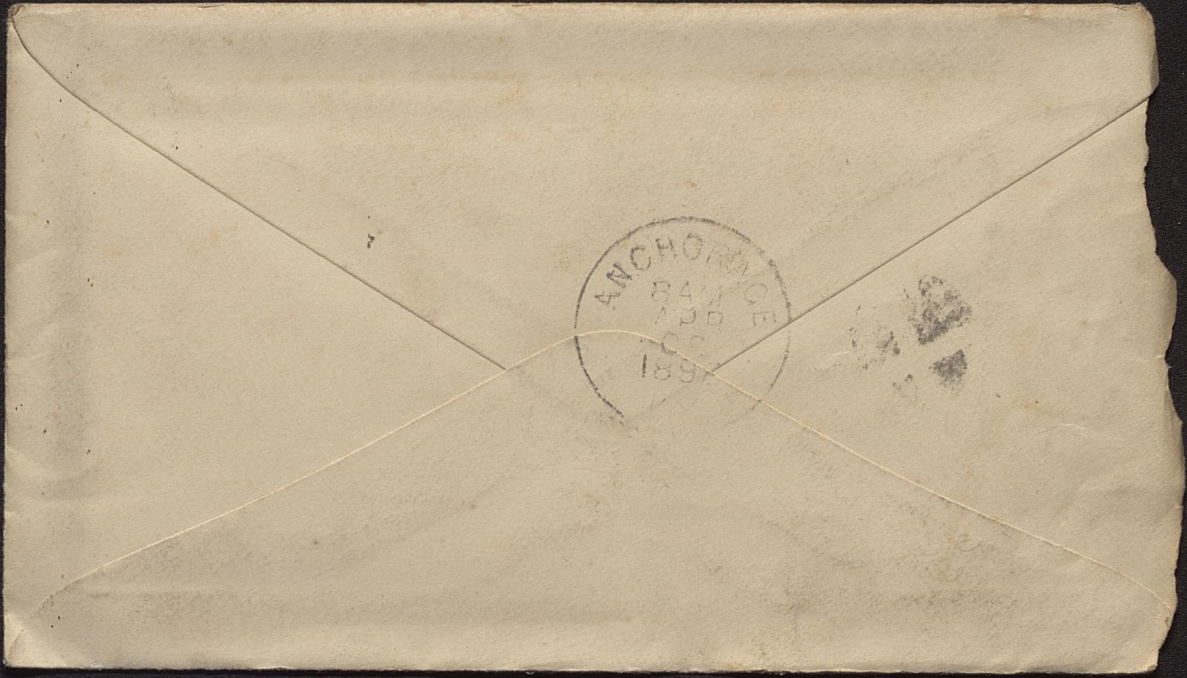
Yours very truly  
Robt E Caldwell

I wish you would mail this letter to Mr Blunt  
it is my wish that he should see it.

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to  
Letters Caldwell & Stanton  
Apr. '92

Rev E. W. Bedinger D. A.  
Anchorage  
Kentucky.





Dear Mr Biedinger - Little Dec 20 1892

We closed two weeks  
meeting at Lawsville last night  
- Had 9 professions - 8 added to Presbyterian  
Church - The people seemed greatly  
revived -

I expect to spend Christmas  
with my family in Greensboro N. C.

Yours truly &c

Robt E. Caldwell



*Dec 20, 1892*

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*Rev E. W. Bichard  
anchorage  
Ky*

Mounton May 13/89

Rev E. W. Bedinger M. D.  
Archorage Ky

My dear Brother

I am perplexed about a matter in which you can be helpful. The Highland people are under the impression that my work ended April 1<sup>st</sup> and my engagement with the Com began with that date. They have paid me up to that time but no further. I preached for them Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and as you remember met with the Com Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Now it seems to me that they ought to pay for that - say count it  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a month and settle with me. - or maybe they would agree to  $\frac{1}{3}$  as you seem to construe it

Let me suggest that you see  
or confer with the Church  
through one of the officers - Let  
there be a mutual understanding  
as to the date of change - I want  
from the one work to the other  
and do not feel able to give  
any portion of the salary due me  
to either work - I shall be  
perfectly willing to abide by any  
arrangement you make with the  
Church - It seems to me that  
it is best to return you the check  
you sent with the request that  
you make out another for  
\$100<sup>00</sup> & send me to Marion  
at your early convenience - and  
I will receipt for it as part pay.  
Then if by June 1<sup>st</sup> you can see  
the way clear to pay me another \$100<sup>00</sup> -  
I shall cheerfully wait for the  
larger part due July 1<sup>st</sup>

Can you send to help writing at Marion with me -

Ernest agrees to my going to  
Marion to begin with Wiley  
May 22<sup>d</sup> and I shall start off  
down here somewhere until then  
the Morganfield Church it seems  
to me had better wait until fall  
for a meeting. Now we are the  
only 6 months ago for two weeks -  
Ernest is willing to this arrangement  
Your letter in regard to Marion  
and Bro Wiley's coming here  
yesterday in person to see  
me - make it appear that it  
is right to go there - You can  
address me to his care Monday  
I think I will go to the Springs  
near by for the week and drink  
sulphur water and sleep.  
will write a definite account of  
the work here tomorrow we  
close tonight with a few prayers.

Yours faithfully  
Robt Caldwell.

Rev R E Caldwell  
submit to Committee.

Morristown?



Rev E W Bedinger RR  
Anchorage

Kentucky



ANCHORAGE  
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Murray - July 28/892

Dear Mr Bedinger: Bro Hopper reached us at  
Hazel Wednesday A. M. - A thorough investiga-  
-tion of the field had shown me already that there  
was no chance of organizing a church and well for  
confirming my opinion. We held services from Saturday  
with Thursday night - had large congregations and  
some little interest. The field is pre-empted by other  
denominations - We came here today - Friday - and on  
visiting and arranging for our meeting. We begin Sunday  
will write again when we get under way here -  
Cordially & faithfully Yrs

Robt Caldwell

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Rev E. W. Bedinger 202  
Anchorage  
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Louisville, Ky., May 19, 1892

Rev E. W. Beding - W. H.  
Chairman

My dear Brother,

I began a meeting  
at Mountain May 5<sup>th</sup> which lasted nine  
days - The work was difficult - Our  
Church numbered only about forty five - and  
they had had the ministrations of the gospel  
only once a month - But the pastor Rev  
H. M. Swartz has greatly endeared himself  
to the people - and a noble band of women  
have kept the Sabbath school and the  
general machinery of the Church in good  
order - We had eight accessions served by

profession and these were all baptized.  
Among these a gentleman and wife and  
their grown son and daughter. Three  
young children of the same family were  
afterwards presented for baptism as  
Children of the Covenant. God's blessing  
rested upon the meeting and the Church  
seemed to be encouraged and strengthened.

Faithfully yours

Robt Caldwell.

Evangelist of Synods

Rev R. E. Caldwell report of the  
meeting at ~~Madison~~ <sup>London</sup>



235 & 237 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Rev E. M. Redinger M.D.  
Anchorage  
Ky.

Murray Ky  
Aug 8/1892

Dear Dr Bedinger:

Yesterday at the end  
of our first week here we organized a  
Church with eleven members. Mr W. E. King  
was ordained and installed Ruling Elder  
There are having large congregations and  
there are many who seem deeply interested.  
The trouble here is immersion. we do  
not carry enough water to suit this  
community. This will limit our power  
and cut us out of anything like a large  
success just now.

I am satisfied more & more of the need  
of our work here. There is room for  
a Presbyterian Church. The people are  
hungry for an educated ministry and  
the best people in the place are still out  
side no doubt for the very reason that  
the churches hitherto have failed to attract  
and satisfy them.

We expect to continue our services through  
this week - and then unless it seems best  
to remain longer we shall go to Aorden  
Saturday -

You spoke of having this work covered  
by a supply from Clarkeville - This  
might do for a time and Whaling is the  
best man to ask to come - As he is a  
brother-in-law of Dr. Humphreys I think it  
could be arranged without much trouble

The best thing to do however is to put a  
man on like Slaymaker. It is a  
grand work on this new Rail Road &  
we can reap a harvest if it is properly  
cared for. -

With very cordial regards,

Yours faithfully  
Robt E. Caldwell.

Henry

Morganfield Ky  
Oct 31/892

Rev E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage Ky

My dear Brother:

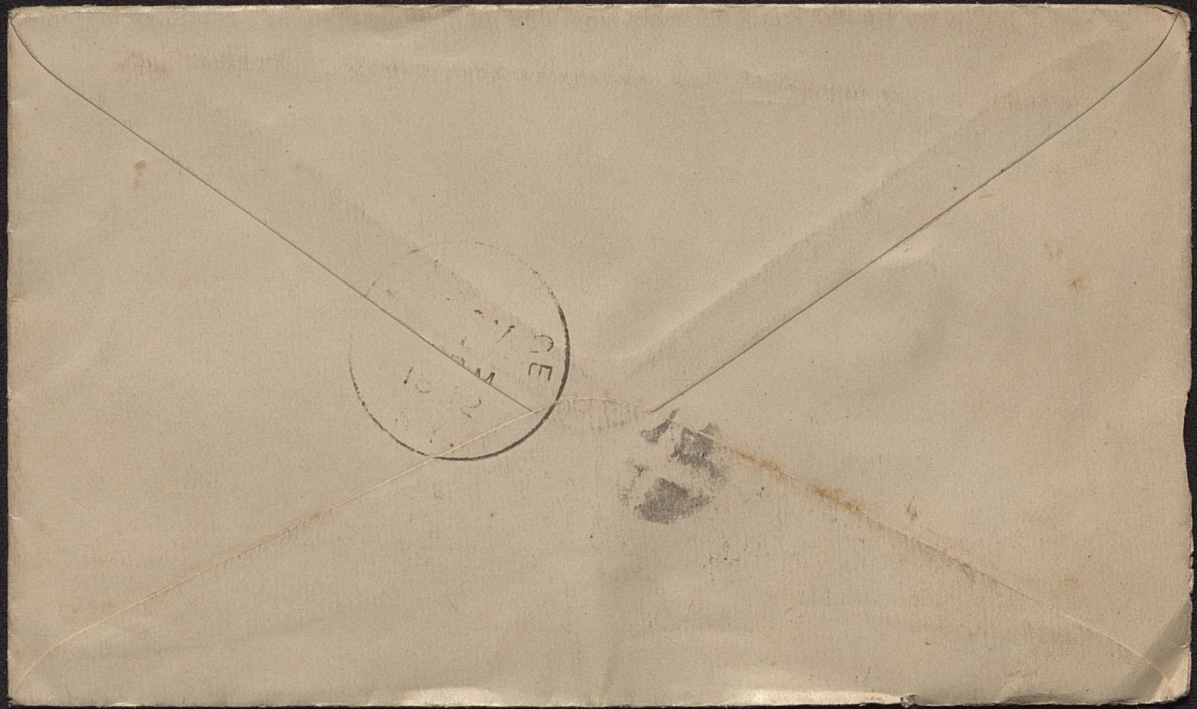
You sent me a check  
to Puttyville for \$500<sup>00</sup> another  
one for \$300<sup>00</sup>. The amount of  
balance due on last quarters regular  
salary would be \$1300<sup>00</sup> instead  
of \$200<sup>00</sup>. I return the check  
for correction

Yours very truly  
Robt E Caldwell.

Ans'd + ck sent Nov 1.  
'92



Rev E. W. Bedinger & Co  
Anchorage  
Kentucky.





L. O. SPENCER,  
Pastor Southern Presbyterian Church.

Princeton, Ky., Jan 28 1893

Rev E. W. Bedinger D D  
Chairman Synod. Evang. Committee

My dear Sir and Brother:

On Sunday Jan 15<sup>th</sup>  
I was elected pastor of the First Presbyterian  
Church Winston North Carolina I have  
decided to accept the call and I hereby  
tender my resignation as Evangelist  
of the Synod of Kentucky to take effect with  
the close of the present month Jan 31/1893.

Very truly yours in the gospel

Robt E Caldwell.

RETURN TO  
REV. L. O. SPENCER,  
PRINCETON, KY.

*Resignation Rev R. S. Caldwell*

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*Rev E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Kentucky*



RETURN TO  
WMA. W. O. BROWN  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

LOUISVILLE  
KY  
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Princeton Ky Jan 20/89

Dear Mr. Beal -  
When had large congregations  
but nearly all Christians the sinners are  
turning and it seems impossible to do much  
with them. However we are holding on the interest  
is deep and in many respects it is a fine meeting  
I have been hoping to hear from you in a practical  
way. I am very much pressed for money  
Hope we can square up all round Feb 1<sup>st</sup>  
Anything before that time will be most joyfully  
owed -

Yrs very truly

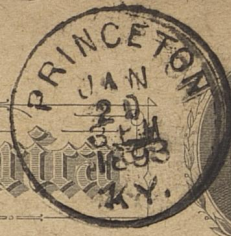
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Rev E W Bedinger LL D  
Anchorage  
Ky

Henderson Ky  
May 3, 1892

Rev E W Sedinger D D  
Chairman Archway Ky  
My dear Sir and Brother:

Permit me to report  
concerning the work in Henderson that the  
meeting began April 10<sup>th</sup> and continued eighteen  
days - Rev J. G. Patton and his people of the  
Second Church uniting ~~the~~ the services which  
were held at the First Presbyterian Church, <sup>of which</sup> Rev  
Thomas Cummings is pastor. The congregations  
were uniformly large. The visible result  
was the addition of twenty members ~~by profession~~  
to the First Church by profession five others being  
received by letter, and the addition of six by  
profession to the Second Church - Mr Cummings  
baptized ten of these persons and Mr Patton  
three. At the First Church Five Hundred  
and Fifty five dollars were ~~contributed~~ the  
amount raised for the Swards cause, Four Hundred  
and Fifty being the amount of the regular  
apportionment and One Hundred and five the

amount paid for the special service and expenses  
of the Evangelist according to the rule of the Committee  
in such cases. - It is understood that the  
amount already raised and paid by the Second  
Church will be supplemented in due time

The general effect of the meeting was  
wholesome and inspiring and it is believed that  
it will tell in power upon the cause of Presbyterian  
-ism in Henderson as well as engender a deeper  
interest in evangelism and the work of the  
Synod's Committee

Respectfully Submitted  
Robt. E. Caldwell  
Evangelist of Synod

Henderson Ky  
May 3, 1892

Rev E W Bedinger M D  
Cave Springs Ky

My dear Sir and Brother

I expected to see  
you in person when the arrangement was  
made here with the Church about handing  
me the check for expenses. It was given  
to me today and I mail it at once & your order  
18 days @ 3.33 = 99.99 - or 100.00 - The  
\$5.00 being added for my expenses - R.R. &c.

I inclose you an official report of the work  
here which it is my purpose to do in every case  
and you can keep on file if you please -

I must tell you of a hope raised in  
the direction of a competent helper. Mr  
Ingram Crockett - a blood relation of Col  
Young - and one of the nicest of gentlemen he  
has a very fine voice and now that the  
meeting is over in which he took part - and  
I have mentioned it to him he is thinking seriously  
of consecrating himself & his gift to the Master



He has offered upon his own motion to spend  
Sunday with me at Umontau or Morganfield  
or both. He is married and there are some  
difficulties on his way but it is on his  
heart & conscience & it would not be surprising  
if he should see his way clear. It would  
do your heart good to see the cordiality  
of the people when they kind words about  
the evangelistic work. I feel more than  
satisfied with the work here and I believe  
the effects will be lasting upon the general  
cause.

Your effort at the matter of  
Mr Hopkin's highly appreciated. I was  
led to entertain the idea of having him by  
the consent of Broth & Swartz - who came  
over in person to arrange for the meeting - we  
can get other voluntary help - Come down  
yourself if you can

Yrs most sincerely  
Robt E Caldwell

Beattyville Ky  
Oct 7, 1892

Rev. C. W. Bedinger, W. M.  
Chairman & Care

My dear Brother:

You have in  
hand reports of my work up to  
August <sup>1st</sup> including the visit to  
Hazel in Calloway Co. where  
I preached for several days to  
large congregations but failed to  
accomplish any thing definite  
in the way of an organization because  
the ground seemed to be already  
occupied by other denominations  
About Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Elder J. H.  
Hopper and I began a  
meeting at Murray and at  
the end of our visit effected an

organization with twelve members  
and ordained and installed Mr  
— King ruling Elder. Then  
near three others received into the  
church by profession up to Wednesday  
night of the following week when  
I was forced to stop preaching  
and leave for Louisville being  
prostrated by an attack of malaria  
— chills and fever. I understood  
that three or four others were  
added to the church after my  
departure — For four weeks  
until the middle of September  
I was under the care of my  
physician — The two weeks  
following my recovery, <sup>at your request</sup> I spent

in visiting a few churches and  
individuals seeking contributions  
for the Evangelistic work and in  
this way occupied the time of  
unavoidable delays in arranging  
for another meeting - During this  
time I also made a short visit  
to Shawham Station in company  
with Dr Ruthford and tried to  
encourage the people by preaching  
& visitation. I came to Beattyville  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and am now engaged in  
a meeting with Bro. H. H. Henry

All of which is respectfully  
submitted -

Root Caldwell

Evangelist of Synod

REATHVILLE  
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1892



Rev E. W. Bedinger, M.D.  
Anchorage  
Ky

