

S. Bassett & Sons,  
Lexington, Ky.

Rev C. W. Bedinger D D

My dear bro

I have just completed  
a pound to the various churches  
to which the Committee have assigned  
me. The field is not only a  
laborious but an expensive one  
and the result is that I am  
entirely out of funds. If you  
can do so consistently I should  
be very much obliged if you  
would make remittances monthly  
instead of quarterly - Especially  
for a little while until I can  
tide over my present financial  
straits. I have never asked



a favor of this kind before <sup>and</sup>  
do not wish it now if it  
will in the least Embarrass the  
work. My address is Let  
can of Bassett Sons

Your Servant & Co in the Lord

W. B. Cooper



S. Bassett & Sons,  
Lexington, Ky.

June 11<sup>th</sup> 1888

Rev E. W. Biedinger DD

My dear Bro

Your very kind

favor enclosing ch<sup>k</sup> for \$66<sup>00</sup>

Came promptly to hand -

I signed the receipt and thought  
until I came across it in my  
pocket today, that I had mailed  
it - the same day it was received

Please excuse carelessness.

Dr Witherspoon is mistaken  
about the contribution of Winchester  
Church - I refused at first  
to receive it but they explained  
to me the reason for not for-  
warding to Committee. The same



May 2  
difficultly existed in the Nicholasville  
Church but I refused to receive  
its contributions and so wrote Dr  
Witherspoon - I think I gave you  
the correct figure - If not I will  
find out from Bro Chisholm -

I am just in from Olive Hill  
I find a few Earnest people  
there -

Very sincerely  
Your servant & bro in the Lord  
W. B. Cooper



S. Bassett & Sons,

Lexington, Ky.

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1888

Rev C. W. Bedinger D D

My dear Bro

Inclosed find ch<sup>k</sup>  
for \$124<sup>27</sup> amount overpaid me  
to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1888. Please credit the  
Nicholasville church by \$96<sup>60</sup> and  
let nothing be said as to its having  
passed through my hands. I am speed-  
ingly anxious that all contributions to  
this great work, shall flow through the  
proper channel, and I feel hope-  
ful that in the future they will -

I trust the Committee may see that  
my expenses in the work recently done  
in Wolfe Branch may be paid -

I could have put the time in so as



to have remunerated me but  
I preferred to give it to Mission  
work - Hoping to have the  
pleasure of meeting you at Synod  
I remain your servt & bro in the Lord

W. B. Cooper



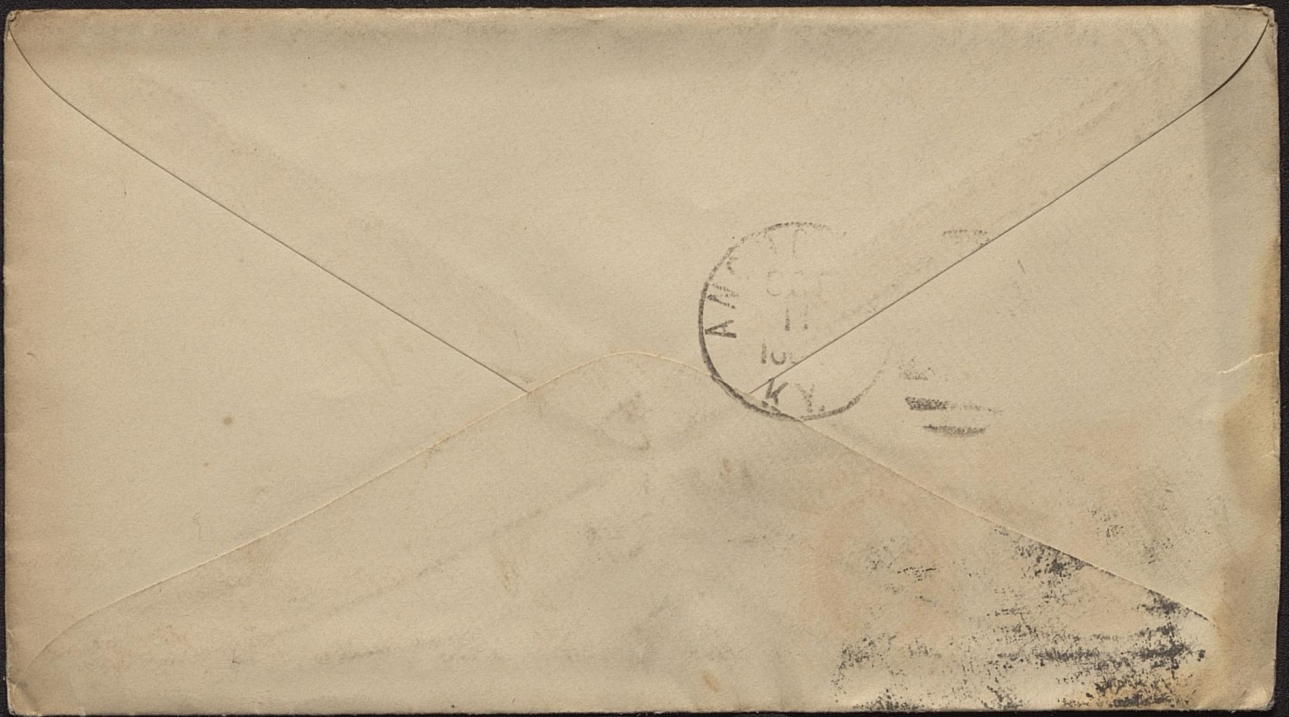
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Oct 10, 1888



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







S. Bassett & Sons,

Lexington, Ky.

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1888

Rev L. W. Bedinger DD

My dear bro

I leave today for an extended trip to the mountains. Will visit my old field in Breathitt and help bro Mickel for a week or two.

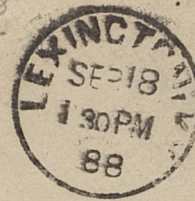
I have had no funds for many weeks except those I have borrowed from friends - If not asking too much will <sup>you</sup> be kind enough to send a check to Mrs Cooper in care of Bassett & Sons -

Sincerely Your servant & bro  
in the Lord  
W. B. Cooper



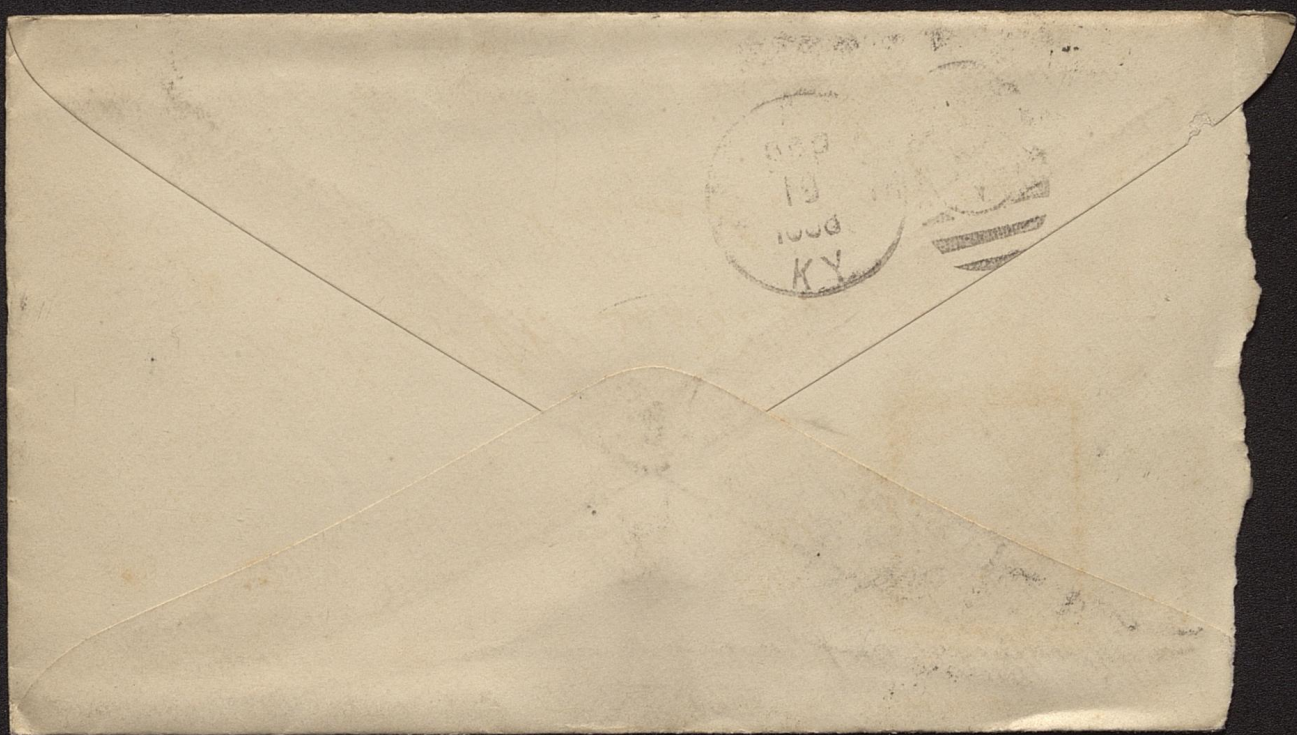
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Anchorage  
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S. Bassett & Sons,

Lexington, Ky. May 7<sup>th</sup> 1888

Rev C. W. Bedinger D.D.

My dear Bro

I do not know whether my name has been placed upon your "pay roll" or not. I began work under the Committee the 1<sup>st</sup> of March - giving half of my time to Frenchburg and Morehead. The Committee now ask me to take Grayson & Olive Hill Churches for the remainder of my time. The matter therefore stands between us as follows.

The Committee are indebted to me for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of my time during March & April 83.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of May begins the new arrangement for all my time. I make this



Statement to avoid confusion in accounts

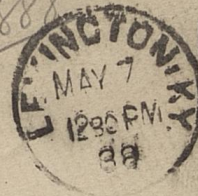
I received some months ago a contribution from Winchester Church which I reported to Dr Witherspoon. My impression is that the amt was \$73<sup>00</sup>. If I am correct this will only leave a small balance due me to May 1<sup>st</sup>. I thought it would perhaps be best for us to balance accounts to 1<sup>st</sup> May and enter afresh upon the new arrangement.

Very sincerely your servant  
and bro in the Lord  
W. B. Cooper



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*Rev C. W. Bedinger Esq  
Anchorage  
Ky*



Coal Oil  
Lamp Chimneys





Ky  
Lexington, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1888

Rev. C. W. Bedinger D.D.

My dear Bro

Your very kind favor  
inclosing ch<sup>k</sup> for \$200<sup>00</sup> was  
received by Mrs. Cooper during  
my absence to my old fields  
in Breathitt Co. I have just  
returned today. Two hundred  
dollars greatly overpays me to 18<sup>th</sup>  
October. I have not had charge  
of the whole work since 1<sup>st</sup> August  
Bro Hubert has had charge of  
Oliver Hill & Grayson from that date  
I have also received some  
money which were given to me  
personally and it is only in the  
last few days that I have obtained  
the permission of Nicholasville Church  
to ~~submit~~<sup>as a</sup> contribution to the Evangelistic  
fund. I do trust that nothing will  
be said to Nicholasville church for



having sent me the money personally  
 It has been a matter of great  
 concern to me and I am sure  
 that in a short time very things will  
 be harmonious and their contribu-  
 tions will come through the regular  
 channel. The following is a  
 statement of my exp to 15<sup>th</sup> October

Amt given me by Nicholasville Church	\$ 96.60
" " " " Grayson & Olive Hill	11.00
Your chk to Oct 15-	200.00
	\$ 307.60
Amount due me to Oct 15	183.33
	\$ 124.27

which is the amount overpaid to  
 at Oct. I would also say that  
 my trip to the mountain churches  
 in Wolfe & Breathitt cost me about  
 Twelve dollars. I gave them sixteen  
 days of my time and travel food  
 was accomplished. Dr Guernsey  
 said he would see that the Committee

at least paid me that amt.

I can either send you chk  
 for \$124.27 or you may charge  
 it to me. The truth is that  
 I have kept my nose to the grind-  
 stone by helping to build churches  
 in our destitute fields and if  
 it makes no special difference  
 to the Committee I could use  
 the money to my very great com-  
 fort and advantage.

I enclose you the letter from  
 Nicholasville church which  
 you will please return by mail  
 or hand it to me at Synod.

They are just in a condition  
 now to work smoothly if nothing  
 is said to stir up the matter.

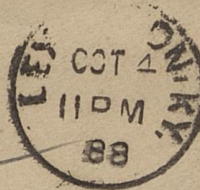
I have written to you freely because  
 I think you can appreciate the  
 situation.

Sincerely Your Servt & Co  
 in the Lord W. B. Cooper



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Oct. 4  
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Rev E. W. Bedinger Dr  
Anchorage  
Ky







Lexington Ky Feb'y 12<sup>th</sup> 89

Rev. E. V. Bedinger D.D.

My dear bro

Your very kind letter enclosing \$25<sup>00</sup> was recd yesterday for which I am truly grateful - In regard to placing a man at Frenchburg I suggested to Dr Blanton some time ago that we should endeavor to get Mr R. A. Irvin who is now teaching a school there to undertake the supply of that church. Mr Irvin is one of the most devotedly pious men that I ever knew. He is a graduate of Old Centre College and ought to have been in the Ministry.

The thought of having to abandon our work in the mountains is very painful to me and I trust that our churches may respond



so liberally during the present  
year as to show that they do not  
intend that the good work shall  
cease or even languish.

May the Lord pour out His Spirit  
in larger measure than ever  
upon the Church and upon the  
Ministry so that "the wilderness  
and the solitary places may be glad,  
and the desert rejoice and blossom  
as the rose".

Very gratefully  
Your servant in the Lord  
W. B. Hooper



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Feb 12 1889



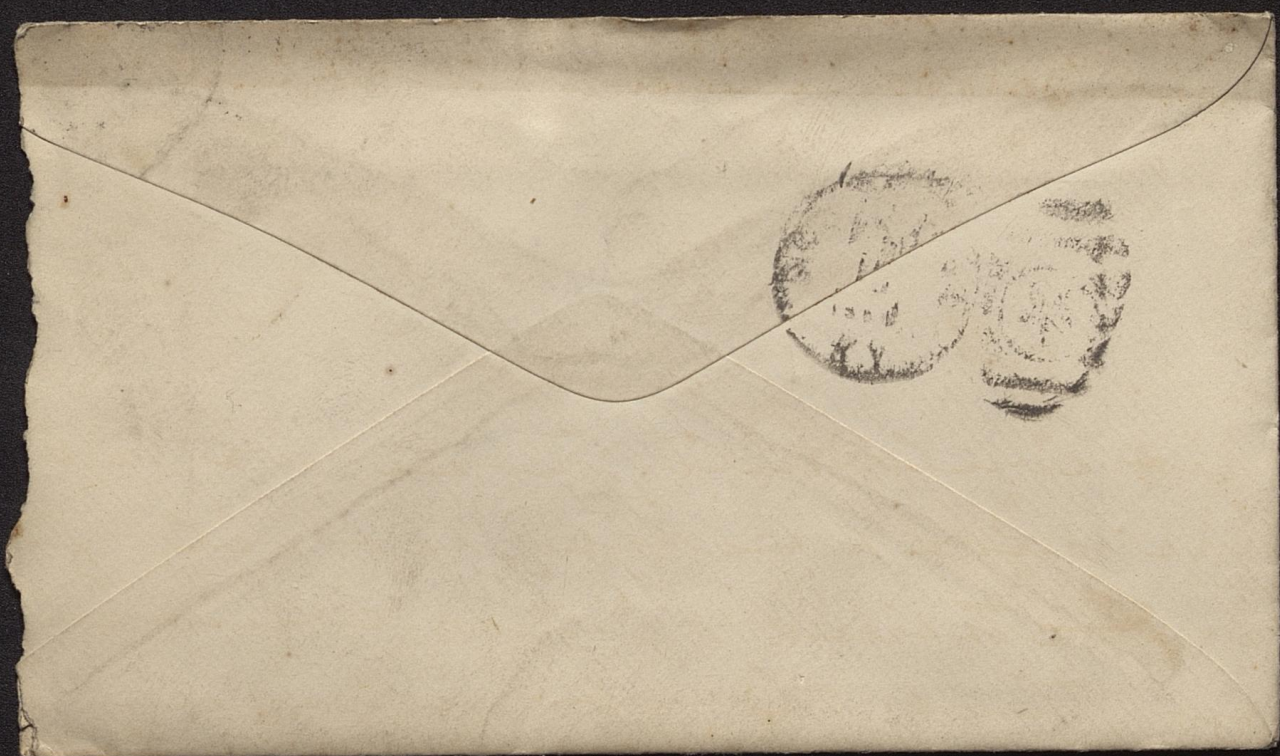
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For C. W. Bedinger DD  
Anchorage  
Ky







S. Bassett & Sons,

Lexington, Ky.

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1889

For C. W. Bedinger S.D.

My dear Bro

I made my usual trip to Frenchburg last week and was glad to find Prof. Irwin willing to undertake the work there. He is a most admirable man and has the confidence of the entire community. He will begin the work the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. I shall continue to supply Morehead until other arrangements are made.

Perhaps I may take it in connection with Ford. If the Committee however wish to make other arrangements it will be



agreeable to me. I took  
up collection at Morhead at  
my last appointment and secured  
\$3<sup>70</sup> for Evangelistic work -  
It is small but as it is their  
first offering to that work I  
appreciate it very much.

I shall send it when I get  
other funds -

Very sincerely your servant &  
bro in the Lord  
W. B. Cooper



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Rev. E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Ky.



S. Bassett & Sons,

Lexington, Ky. Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1889

Rev W Bedinger DD

My dear Bro

I am just in from Millersburg and find your very kind favor awaiting me also a letter from Bro Porter inclosing chk for \$100<sup>00</sup>. I can only reply hurriedly as my train leaves in 20 minutes - You say that the Committee last year set apart \$400<sup>00</sup> for half my time - This is true but I declined to serve them and they increased it to \$500<sup>00</sup>

If you will consult your check book you will find that when you paid me monthly your chk was for \$41<sup>66</sup> for the entire year excepting this last chk from Mr Porter for \$100<sup>00</sup> which should have been \$125<sup>00</sup>. If you will recall



My letter some months ago in which  
I sent ch<sup>ks</sup> for overpay you will  
find that I included in that ch<sup>ck</sup>  
every cent that I have received  
from the churches which I am serving  
The churches at Morhead and  
Frankburg are in an absolutely mis-  
sion field and it is as much as  
they can do to maintain running ex-  
penses. We hope for better things  
from the Lord. I must again  
decline to serve the committee for \$4000  
as if less than I can possibly live  
on. I have railroad fares to  
to pay out of my small allowance.

Very truly your servant  
& bro in the Lord

W. B. Hoover



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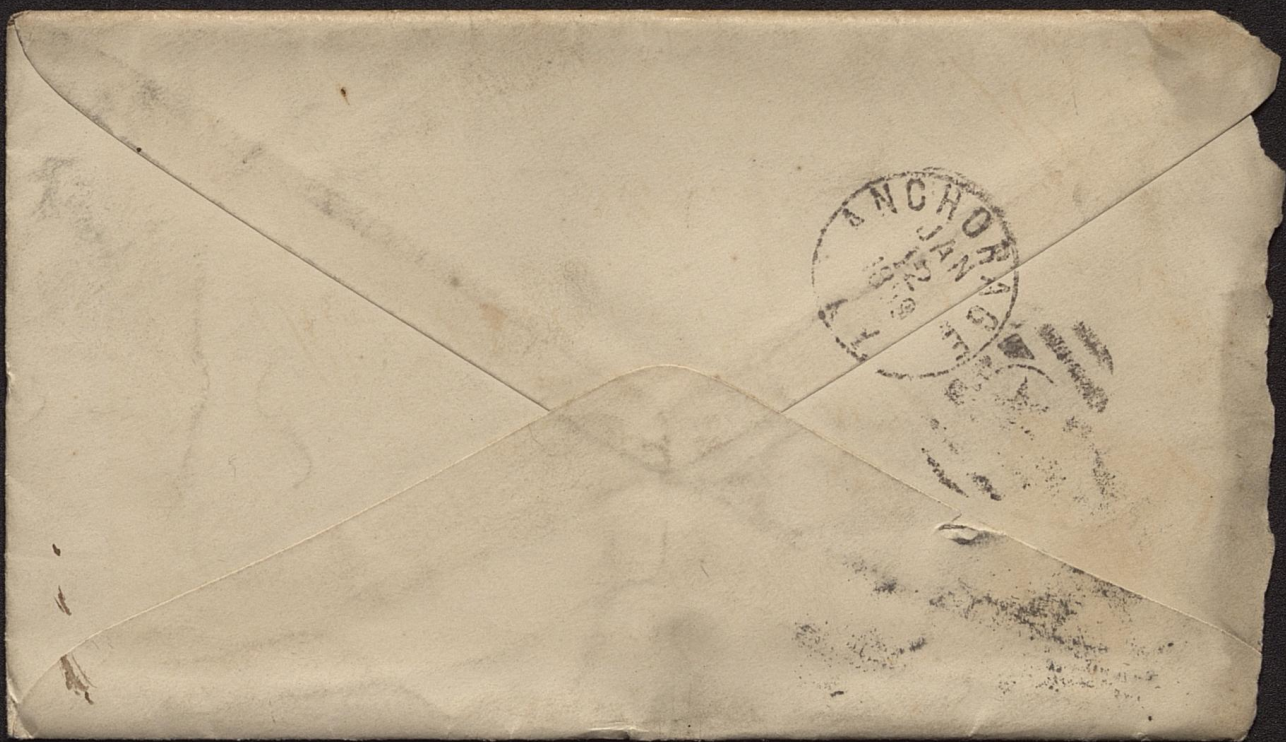
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*used Jan 29-89*

*Rev C W Bedinger DD  
Anchorage  
Ky*







Livingston Ky. Feb'y 14<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Rev. C. W. Besinger D.D.

My dear Bro

Let me assure you of my deep appreciation of your very kind and tender letter of some days ago.

I have never for a moment doubted that the Committee on Evangelistic work have always done what seemed to them to be for the very best interests of the great trust committed to them.

It was simply a matter of conscience and of necessity which led me to tender the resignation of my work under their auspices. As long as I had a dollar of private means I served the Committee at great pecuniary loss, much of the time not receiving money enough to pay my individual board and travelling expenses - I would gladly have continued to do so if my purse had not failed - I have always preferred to work in the most destitute fields in our bounds and in order to do so have declined



a half dozen fields which would have been more gratifying to the flesh, and which my brethren urged me to accept - I am frank to say that I still prefer the character of work and regret that the Committee have compelled me to abandon it.

I more especially regret to give up Alexander Church because I have understood that it was Mr. Alexander's expressed desire that I should be in the field to which he has so generously given the entire amount which the Committee have appropriated - I am also frank to say that I do not see that when I received the  $\$1000$  for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec I simply supposed that it was a mistake which would be corrected - It never once occurred to me that the Committee would reduce my salary and retain me in their employ for three months without even saying a word to me about it - It certainly would not bear the test of the rules governing men in ordinary business transactions - I say this without the least shadow of disrespect to the dear

brethren composing the Committee.

You have very kindly suggested Ford as a field for my future work - I have had some correspondence with Dr. Blanton in regard to it and have told him that if the proper arrangement could be made with another church so as to employ half of my time I would take it - In the mean time until the Committee can get a more suitable man for the field I shall continue to go to Alexander & Woodhead Church.

Praying that the Lord's guidance and grace may be given you in the oversight of the great work to which He has called you I remain as ever

Your Servant &c in the Lord  
W. B. Hooper

P.S.

I have never received a dollar from any source which I have not deducted from my salary and reported it to treasurer - I have not even deducted travelling or any other expense -



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Feb 4, 1889  
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Rev E. W. Bedinger SD  
Anchorage  
Ky







Lexington Ky

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1887

Rev C. W. Bedinger DD

My dear bro

In response to your  
very earnest appeal to send forward  
the amount apportioned to my churches  
I will say that I will be personally  
responsible for Hords amt. \$10.00  
also for Union \$10.00  
" " Tabor \$10.00

I shall forward it as soon as pos-  
sible and will try to make it more  
I have already sent \$10.00 from Salem  
The truth is that this group of churches  
are struggling to keep soul and  
body together and the expense of main-  
taining worship is a serious question  
with them. I shall however use my  
utmost to get all I can. As you  
know I have not had charge of work here



for some months. Bro Hubert  
now preaches there - I sent the  
amount apportioned to them some  
time ago - it was \$5<sup>00</sup>. I will  
also add that during my charge  
of Moorhead I was encouraged with  
nine additions and I understand  
that the outlook there is improving -

In my group of churches there have  
been about fifty additions since  
the last meeting of Synod - I fear  
that I shall not be able to be at Synod  
this fall - The omission of a single  
Sabbath in my field where each church  
only has a monthly service, makes a  
long gap - The expense too of going such  
a distance is greater than I feel able  
to bear. Praying Gods blessing  
upon your faithful labors I remain  
Your servant & bro in Jesus  
W. B. Cropper



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*Cooper*

*Sept 27,  
1889*

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*Rev E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage*



Lexington Ky Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1889

Rev. W. Bedinger D.D.

My dear Bro

Your favor calling my attention to the action of Synods in regard to all who labor under their appointment is at hand. - Ford is the only point that I now occupy under the direction of the Evangelistic Committee. - I am happy to say that during the months of October & November I received more encouragement and did witness more signs of Gods blessing upon the work than at any period during my labor there. This was especially so during our last Communion which was held last month. Upon that occasion I preached for several days and though none were added to the Church, the people of God seemed to be much refreshed and several



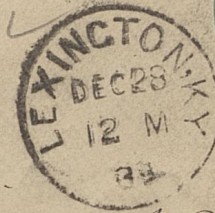
of the members confessed to me privately that they had not been living up to their privileges and duties and promised to enter upon the work with renewed diligence and zeal. I missed my regular appointment there the 3rd Sunday in this month for the following reason - Bro McElroy was engaged in important work for the University and begged me to supply his pulpit at Mt Sterling to which I agreed provided Dr Blanton or some other brother would take my place at Ford. A telegram came to me stating that such arrangement had been made. For some reason not yet explained to me my people at Ford were left unsupplied and I go there tomorrow (the 5th Sabbath) to make up for it - I have also done some of the work in the Wisconsin field - viz several days at Vanceburg, a week at Grayson and a week with Bro Briggs at Hampton City. All of

which is respectfully submitted  
Sincerely Yours Servt. C. C. O.  
W. W. Cooper



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Rev. W. B. Cooper  
Report Dec 1889

Rev C. W. Bedinger DD

Anchorage  
Ky







Lexington Ky May 16<sup>th</sup> 1889  
Rev E. W. Bedinger D.D.  
My dear Bro

I received a somewhat singular letter from Bro Hubert in regard to the Moorhead Church - which I inclose to you. I wrote to him some days ago that I was very anxious that there should be no gap in the work at Moorhead, and hoped that the arrangement had been made for him to go right on with it. I also stated that it was with great reluctance that I gave up the field as it was just beginning to develop some interest. I did this so much to encourage him in the work as to express my own feelings. The good brother has misapprehended my letter, and seems to think that he would be displacing me. I have again written to him about it. I told him in my first communication



that the 3rd Sunday was our day there, and that I should expect him to be a hand. I now write this thinking that it may be well for you to insist on his going immediately into the field.

I would go there next Sabbath myself, but another appointment at Union which I made some time ago, will prevent it.

Bro Boygs spent a night with me this week. In talking over the work I expressed my growing interest in Morehead and said to him that as far as my personal preference was concerned, I had rather go there than to Union - for the simple reason that it is Missionary ground - He spent the next night at Clay City and Doubblers told Hubert this conversation which he has misconstrued altogether. I now begin to fear that Hubert does not want Morehead - I hope therefore

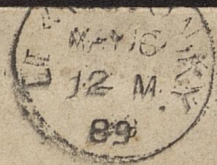
that the Committee will at once tell him to go there.

Very sincerely your servant  
& brother in the Lord

W. B. Cooper



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*Rev C. W. Bedinger DD  
Anchorage  
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Lexington Ky Oct 8<sup>th</sup>/91

My dear Bro

You sent Salem  
Church, Pine Grove Ky,  
a circular urging us to  
 remit a balance of some  
Twenty dollars, due on  
our assessment for Evan-  
gelistic cause in Ky -  
we are very hard pressed, but  
I will pledge the amt,  
and see that it is paid,  
if I have to do it myself.

You may therefore count  
us in for the above amt.  
I will not be able to  
attend Synod on a/c  
of distance and expense.  
I pray that you may have  
a profitable and harmoni-  
ous Session under the gui-  
dance of the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely your bro  
W. B. Cooper



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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Rev C W Bedinger D D  
Greenville  
Ky  
Synod of Ky