

Middleboro June 23

Dear Brother

Got Telegram from  
Tom Poor Frankfort  
Says Gurrant is Sick  
and wants me to come  
& help them out - Next  
week - I answered I  
could probably under  
the circumstances help  
him from next Thursday  
a few days - Not being  
near you - I took the  
liberty to tell him that  
much anyhow

Our meeting here  
has been a good one  
nearly 30 additions  
will get probably 75-  
maybe \$100 for fund



of the ~~Synod~~ -

Will Close here Tomorrow  
Sunday Night

The Pineville door is not  
open just now will  
go there in the fall

Hope you are  
well and getting on  
well -

Wife says in a letter  
please tell the Doctor  
to help us out soon  
on salary -

The Lord bless you

J. H. Hopper



E. SCOTT BROWN, President.

JOHN W. STARK, Vice-President.

R. S. EVANS, Cashier.

❖THE❖BANK❖OF❖ALLEN❖COUNTY,❖

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY, \$100,000.

Scottsville, Ky. Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1887

Dear Bro. Bedinger

I'm thinking about the suggestion about asking the Assembly Committee if they could help in any support I think we had better not = for I am sure it will get things mixed up & if in case my work as heretofore is cramped by my having to work in the meetings should not be as great as they expect they would be dissatisfied & I would feel bad about it = So then I would prefer that you do the best you can for me & let the thing move on as before, by my doing the best I can in selling books under our present arrangement.

If in the Providence of God I should at any time feel called upon to make that book work an exclusive work I can arrange with them and not bother our Committee or Synod about it



# THE BANK OF ALLEN COUNTY,

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY, \$100,000.

Scottville, Ky. .... 188.....

I know you will feel that will be the wise & best course - & thus counsel with you for I know you are my friends & feel in interest in me & my family & will do your best for me - it is not every one that I would thus confide in as I do in you - I would prefer therefore that you say nothing to Hagen or the Committee of the Assembly & just let the matter stand -

I was a little afraid that the Synod felt I was a burden and wanted in some way to be relieved of it - I do. You know me well enough to feel that I would not for any thing be in the way - Pray for me that I may have grace to do the masters work for his glory - I dont know how things are going to turn out here but hope will have a good meeting

Your Bro - Jo. Hopper



Ferryville Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 87

My Dear Brother

Could you by any manner  
of means let me have my salary  
by the 1<sup>st</sup> of next week - I hate to say  
a word about it. but you know  
how often those of us who are poor  
& dependent have to cut and arrange  
to make ends meet. if it would be  
a violation of your rule or would  
appear as favoring one above  
others dont do it - but if not &  
you can I would be so thankful

I got a letter from Bro Frank  
Bederger a few days since he is so  
anxious for me to come & be one of his  
Elders work in his Sabbath School & be a  
City Missionary & says he would raise  
the money - dear boy I love him  
for he feels so much interest in me  
& my family The Lord bless him

Yours Bro

J. Schopper



My Dear Brother Perryville Ky April 20<sup>th</sup> 88  
I know I have no right to ask  
it - but would it discommodo you  
or be violating your rule - to let me  
have my check for April by next Thursday  
the 26<sup>th</sup> that - I have to go to help Blanton  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath and I want to get some clothing  
for my children before I leave home  
Of course I know that it seems like  
asking a good deal before the time  
you generally send out your checks but  
if you think you ought not to do it - it  
will be all right - glad to hear that you  
had a good meeting at Anchorage the  
Lord continue to bless you  
Yours J. H. Hopper





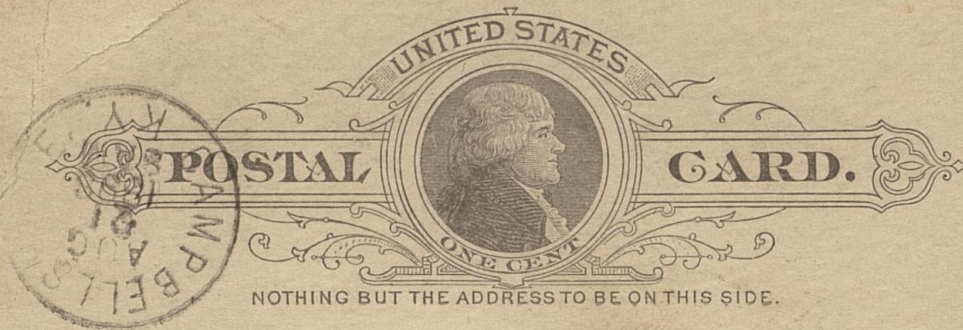
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Rev. E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Kentucky  
Jefferson Co



Dr Bro Campbellsville Monday Aug 27  
Closed at Bethel last night  
9 professions - supposed a  
result there will be some 10 or more  
additions. On yesterday got them  
to raise \$40 I think it was for  
the WY fund - never say he  
will send to for Green - I do hope  
that funds will be coming in to go  
my balances for I do need them  
so much. Will be here 3 or 4 days  
and then go to Roanoke hope you  
are well  
Your Bro  
Hopper





Rev. E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Jefferson Co. Kentucky



am \$100 for Prog. Fund  
We go to Bowling Green  
at Sabbath January 1889  
The Lords willing when  
I hope we will have a grand  
meeting & raise not  
less than \$200. for the Fund  
Remember me  
to Bro. Roark when you  
see him

Yours Bro  
J. H. Hopper

Perriville Ky Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 88

My Dear Brother

I am glad if we  
had to give up Dr. W as  
our chairman that the  
matter has fallen upon  
you - though we all hated  
to give you up as Treasurer

Everything has gone  
off well & our work has thus  
far been wonderfully blessed

The only thing that has  
been a disappointment  
to me is that as I had hoped  
the Committee would allow  
me \$100 per month - I  
spoke to some of the brethren  
about the matter & I supposed  
that would be the way the  
matter would go - & I felt  
disappointed that it was  
not so done - I am



sure that would not  
be out of proportion  
with others according  
to the work I do in the  
general field - I would  
much rather talk 30 minutes  
twice a day - than to have  
to go from morn until  
night + do the grubbing  
I have to do - besides while  
I dont say so - the brethren  
with whom I labor say if  
this kind of work was not  
done the success would fall  
far below what it has been

So many told me it would  
never do for me to give up  
Synods work + take the position  
I could have gotten with all  
ease from Richmond Va  
which in many respects would  
have been an easier work

with just as good salary  
and all expenses paid

But for Christ sake  
+ the Cause of Synods  
I put the other aside  
and recommend Bishop  
as Synods Colporter - I hope  
he will do well -

I am not grumbling only  
I felt that I was not asking  
too much everything else  
considered.

As I always have  
done I speak freely with  
you about things for I  
know in whom I have  
a dear good brother friend

The Lord bless you  
in your new position  
+ bless our work this  
year had a fine meeting  
at Broadwell 56 additions



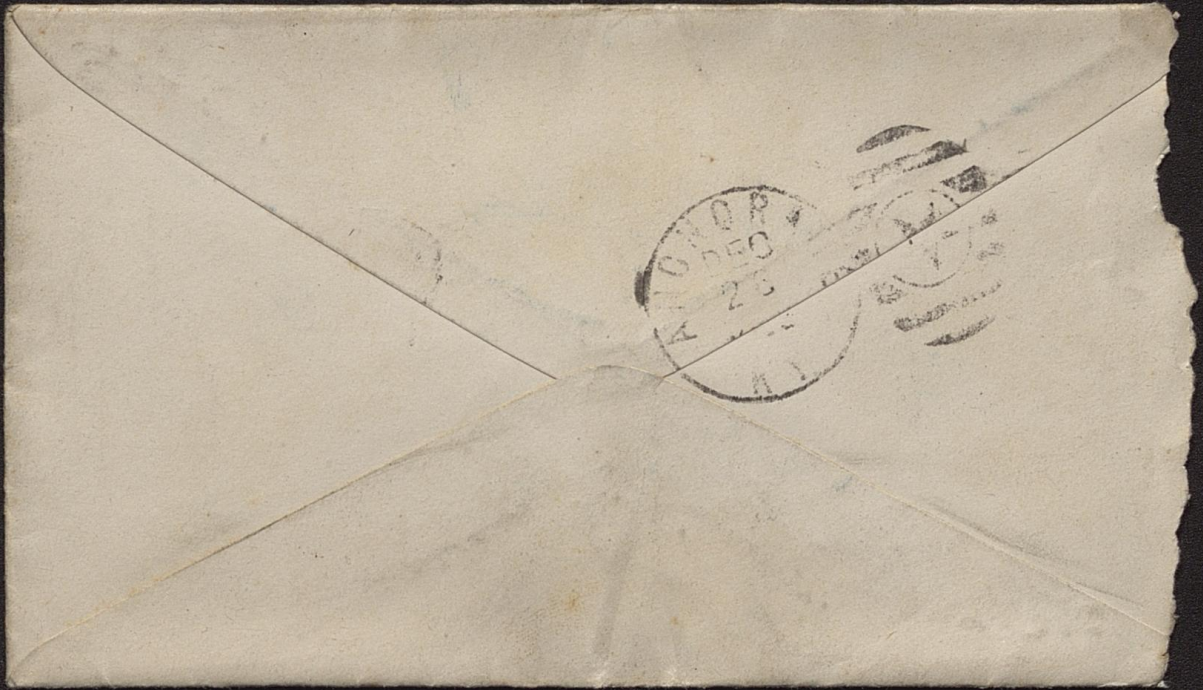
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Ans'd. Jan. 1. 89  
J. H. Cooper

Rev. E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Kentucky







Ferryville Ky Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 58

Dear Brother

The Lord bless you for your kindness in sending my check for you dont know how badly I have needed it. I just did not know which way to look as I had gotten things to eat in my family on the promise to pay when it came - now I can look up & thank the Lord - I know you will back me in this - that should the Synod demand my poor labor for another year they give me \$800<sup>00</sup> per month others whose families dont number but 2 children get \$150 per month & have plenty without it and I do think the work I have to do is worth what I say & I think the judgment of many of the brethren say that too I only talk this way to you for I know how you feel as a brother indeed to me



but if you think the Lysons will  
not want me then I must begin  
to look round for something  
upon which to support my  
family -

I see Brother Frank celebrated  
his second Anniversary Sunday last  
now I wish I could be sent with  
him awhile over the state -

I hope you are well and the  
family - We have never gotten to  
Old Siloam yet - wish Frank  
& I could go there -

Write to me soon

Your Brother  
J. H. Hopper



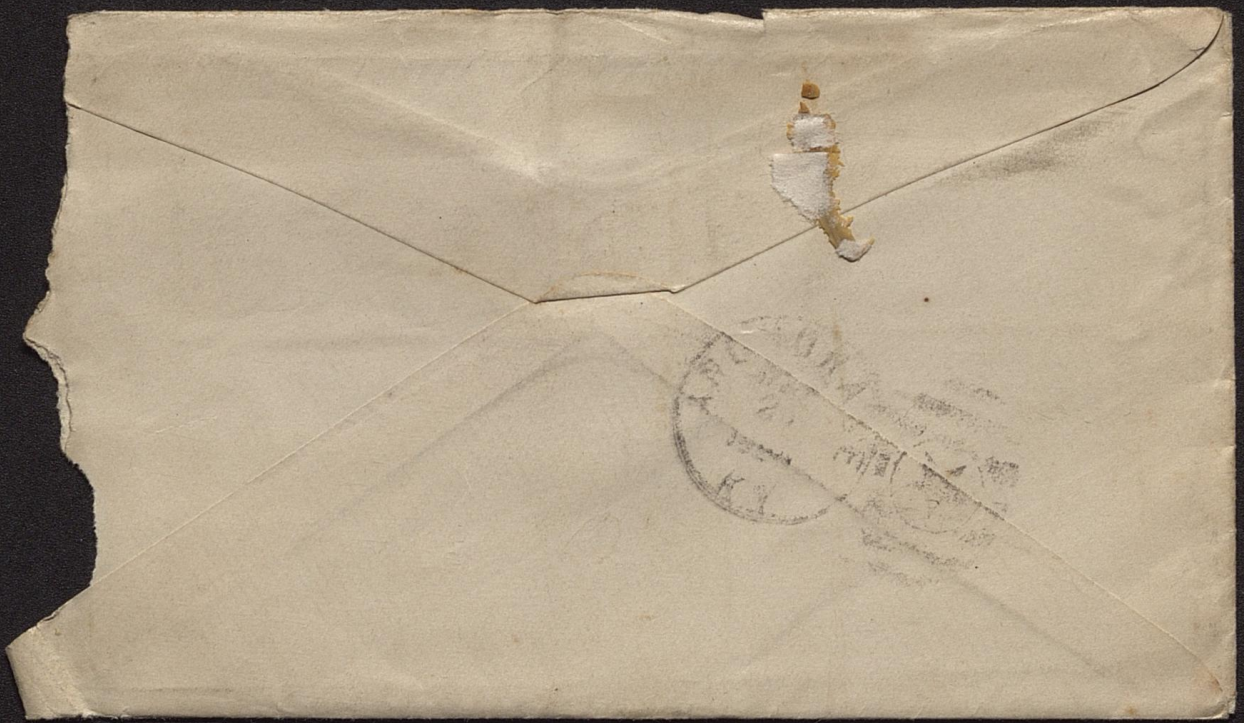
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Rev. E. W. Bedinger,  
" " "  
Anchorage  
Kentucky

Jefferson Co







Dear Brother                      Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 89  
Your very kind letter to hand on  
last evening - glad to know you  
are looking forward to good help in  
the Marvins - Since I wrote you  
in fact the same day - I got letter from  
Evans, saying the Committee Orders  
us to Kings Mountain & we go next Tuesday  
night the Lord if the way be clear. I see from  
Stanford paper that there is a meeting in  
progress there by J. W. Livingston (Reformer)  
& I don't know yet what the arrangement will  
be - will hear this afternoon I hope - I think  
the time not opportune, but will have to go if  
they say so - I had hoped I could be with you  
a few days - will be with you if you will get  
order from Committee                      Yours truly  
J. W. D. N.





*Perryville*

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.



*Pa<sup>2</sup> -* *L. O. Guerrant*  
*Willmore*  
*Lesamine Co*  
*Kentucky*



Perryville Ky. Mar 23 89

Dear Brother Bidinger

According to Instructions we went to Lile in Laurel County and for 6 days we worked as faithfully as we knew how.

The weather and surroundings were all against us. The people were not expecting us. and no arrangement for a meeting. No stove in the house. In fact everything indicates that things were not ready for us.

The weather was so disagreeable that that even those who might otherwise have come were afraid to come as several had taken cold in sitting in the house without fire.

Our Congregations in the day were from 6 to 12. Two nights suppose we had 50 the other night from 20 to 30

After looking over the files and making a number of visits



we felt that. there was nothing  
just now to encourage us to stay

As yet I suppose all who  
were there save about one  
family were only temporarily  
settled - and nothing to begin  
with as permanent foundation  
stones - and I guess that may be  
said of all these mountain  
mining districts - after awhile  
things may change for the better

So we closed on Thursday night  
and as our other appointments  
were frustrated by this trip - I got  
Bro. E. to come here for a few days  
until we can get things rearranged

I am sure had you been  
on the field with us you would  
have advised just as we have  
done -

Yours Truly  
Bro. J. H. Hopper



Salvisa Ky Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1889

Dear Brother

Our meeting here has accomplished very much as to what I had hoped when I wrote to you to let us come here

I think still more will be done on the same line - in the next few days -

As we are so near the Christmas holidays & the nearer we come the harder to hold the minds of the people - and as we can only hold one more short meeting before Christmas -

My honest opinion is that it will be best if you think so - to send us to Newtownville It is the very time for us



us now for accomplishing I  
hope at that Church what  
in some measure we are  
doing here - There is a feeling  
of interest there now that  
of cultivated, I believe  
will bring up & out that  
Church - And if we fail  
now I fear the consequences

Should we not get there now  
we have no idea, where we  
can - Any places far off  
will be costly financially  
to Evans & me, as no church  
would care to run a meeting  
Christmas week & I don't feel  
we could accomplish anything

I hope you will see this in this  
light & order us to go there. The  
people have been impatient and  
are anxious for a meeting

Yours  
J. H. Hopper

I am so sorry to hear from you from Kentucky



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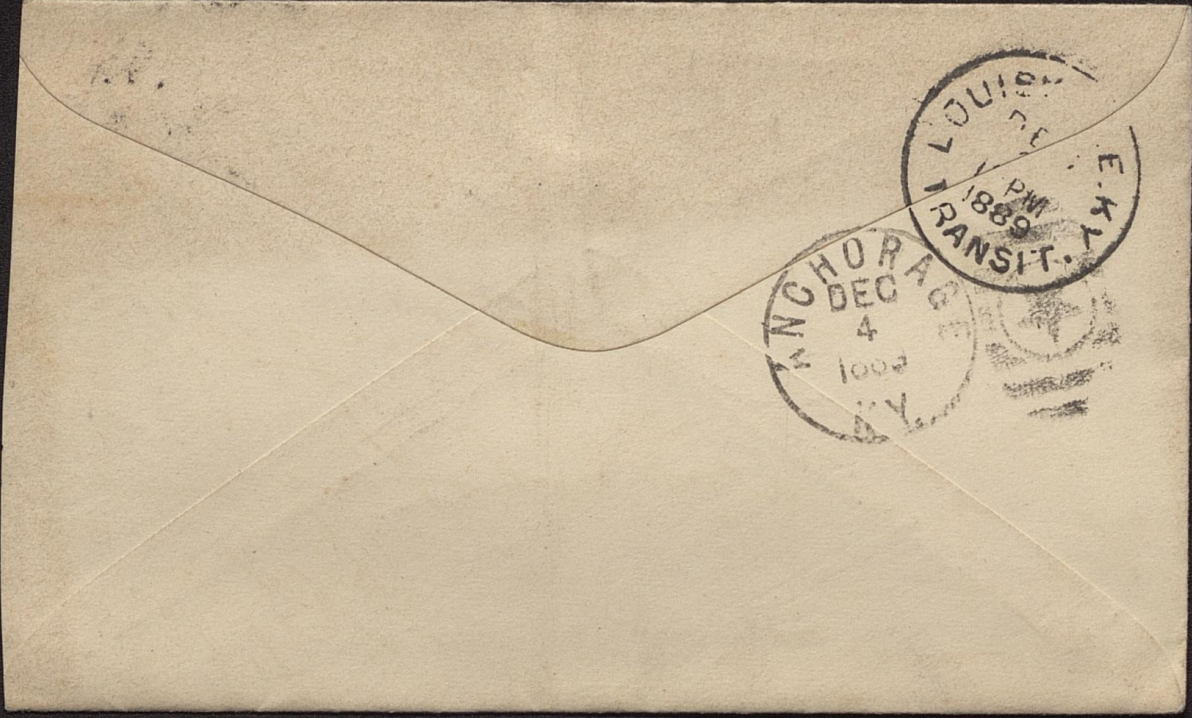
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Rev. E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Jefferson, Co  
Kentucky





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Perryville Ky Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 89

Dear Good Brother Bedinger

On account of absence from home, I have not been able to write you as requested. Now I can give you only a short report. Bro Evans told me he would write you all the particulars

I have assisted Bro. Evans in 10 meetings, and Bro. Porter a few days in another.

At Moorefield, Broadwell, Bowling Green, New Stead, and Staunton Org Prayer Meetings

At Staunton in Powell Co. and Pulaski Station in Pulaski Co. Org. Sabbath Schools. I tried to encourage the Sabb Schools wherever we visited.

Our Meetings did good and the Churches were set forward and strengthened.

I am better satisfied with the character of, and the results from the work, than in any previous year since the plan was inaugurated.

I think there is more spirituality among our people and a fixed purpose to advance along the whole line.



My best judgment for futuro work, and  
that which <sup>we</sup> tell for lasting good to our church  
is in Portions of Louisville, Mulenburg, and  
Paducah Presbyteries - more strength will  
be given to our church from such work, than  
could be expected from churches in the Mountain  
Countries belonging to Landylvania, New Lexington  
& Ebenezer Presbyteries.

While I rejoice in the work done for these  
Mountain Countries, I am not an enthusiast,  
but would pray & work for them. Yet I am sure  
the more churches we get among them to do them good  
the more money to support them it will take.

Of Course some points are very desirable and should  
be occupied, but at the same time discretion  
and good judgment should be exercised.

Brother Evans says he will report the  
additions and money raised &c -

Under all the circumstances I have done  
the best I could in the book work and  
enclose you statement -

The Lord bless you and continue you  
Chairman another year  
Yours Bro  
J. H. Hopper



Book Report

L. H. Hopper

	Dr.	Cr
To Books on hand October Synod 1888	114 43	
Received from Dr. Hazen at Catalogue prices	81 15	
Total	\$ 195 58	

By Books sold at Catalogue prices	98 60
" Books given away	12 50
	\$ 111.10

Books On hands Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1889      \$ 84.48

Cash Account

	Dr	Cr
Cash on hands October Synod 1888	74.08	
To Books sold	98.60	
	\$ 172.68	
Cr By Express charge on books		3 85
Ca Dr Hazen		53.70
Commission allowed Hopper on Sales		36.29
		\$ 93.84
Leaving bal Cash on hands Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> 1889 of	\$ 78.84	



Rev. E. W. Bedinger

Mr. B. Please give to Porter the  
indesea letter -

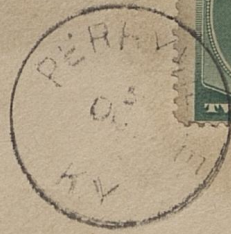


Report of J. H. Nodden

Jefferson Co

Rev E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage

Kentucky





Perryville Ky Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 90

Dear Bro. Bedinger

We closed our meeting at  
Honestonville Sunday night. The  
Success was beyond the expectations  
of most of the people. We had 20  
added to the membership and  
I am sure a brighter prospect  
for the Church in the future than  
they have had for years. We elected  
another Elder and two Deacons  
put the Sabbath School in such  
shape, that our good brother will  
have to work to our plan & not his  
own. Thusly encouraging the people  
to take more interest than heretofore

Upon an Examination of the Church  
Roll I found that we have about 70  
members adhering with us and  
not over 20 to the Assembly but  
of course this is between you & I  
all we have to do is to go on and  
it is only a question of a little time  
that will give us every thing  
in sight.



I have been and am now suffering from this Grippe or whatever it is called - It makes me very uneasy as to my lungs & I am forced to be exceedingly cautious - I hope the remedies I am using will enable to go forward before a great while -

I wrote Bro. Evans this morning if Boggs wanted him Saturday & he was able (which I think he is not) to go ahead and just as soon as I was able I would join him in the work

If you remember at Salviso you told me you would help me out in my expenses to Greenwich Union which has cost me \$16<sup>00</sup> whatever you can do for me I will thankfully accept it - (Confidential)

You know sometimes our girls take a notion to change their relations in life and we have to get them something successful & if you could let me have my January, Feb. & March salary monthly I would thank you ever



Feb 12, 1890  
Pawingville - (Virginia)

So much I know you are appreciated  
in circumstances -

I hope the Lord is blessing  
you in your arduous work  
as Chairman of the Committee

I forget to tell you that about  
\$30 was given to our work at  
Worntonville

Yours Brother

J. Schopper



people are evidently very much excited  
up over the plan.

Our meeting has done good there  
have been 4 additions to last night  
& we hope for others. Scudder failed to  
come & Spears & myself have done all  
the work. The Lady who joined last night  
is of one of the influential families  
in the community & gives us a new hold  
on the people we did not have before.

I feel that I ought to stay a few days  
longer under the circumstances  
to gather up what we can as now  
is the important crisis to the church.

Dr. Guarrant wrote me to meet  
him at Linn's break but I have done  
all the talking for Spears and really I  
don't feel able & don't think the Board  
requires it of me to go. I have been  
from my family a long time and  
feel the need of rest before I go to  
Spencers.

Pray for us & the success of this  
enterprise.

Your Bro

J. H. Stapp

P.S.

Write to Spears what tells you will be here

To the members of Ebenezer Presbytery  
in Connection with the General Assembly  
of the United States of America

Brethren

As you are aware we are but a feeble  
little body. Composed of 18 or 20 members  
and financially we are very poor  
and utterly unable to employ one  
to break to us the bread of life.

There is no Assembly Church near  
to us with whom we can unite and  
even get the benefit of preaching once  
a month. The Board at Philadelphia  
cannot afford from what they know of  
the past history of this Church to  
continue to us further aid (we don't  
blame them) and unless we make  
a change in our relations we are  
done for as a Presbyterian Church  
and other denominations will  
take the field and we die out.

We can by a change of Presbyterial  
relations have preaching twice  
a month, and the support we need  
probably granted to us in support of  
a minister. Now therefore we  
respectfully petition the Presbytery  
to let us over into our House of  
Worship to the Ebenezer Presbytery  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America.



Washington D.C. July 22 1891

Bro Bedinger

By a long, hard, and I hope a judicious pull and work we have accomplished what you hoped we would do when you sent me here. I send you a copy of the Petition and the names - so that you can see the steps taken thus far in the matter. The House of worship is good brick building nicely located and very comfortable with not less than at the lowest cost of \$1500-

When they purchased the House not long ago - the board at Philadelphia bonded them \$500 - the House is insured until 1894 to secure this \$500 in case of fire, but I suppose something will have to be done to cancel that debt, to be our in fact, so I think if we can get our Church Erectors Committee to give \$150 - & these people to pay \$50 - and our Synod \$100 that the matter can be easily arranged.

Bro Spear wants you to come up here not later than 5<sup>th</sup> of August - or if you can the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept but don't come on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept - and see what can be done as to this debt. The prospects are brighter than has been for years past and the

We only do this because we love the Presbyterian Church and the only alternative we have or can see or reasonably hope for to Preserve & maintain Presbyterianism in this Section of the Country

Names

- 1 Mrs. Amelia Stephenson
- 2 J. C. Stephenson (Elder)
- 3 John H. Wright (Elder)
- 4 Sallie J. Wright
- 5 Lizzie Wright
- 6 Mattie Wright
- 7 John N. Lease (Deacon)
- 8 Lizzie Ball
- 9 Marie Cleft
- 10 Jas. S. Prather
- 11 Margaret Rhodes
- 12 J. W. Stephenson (Deacon)
- 13 John R. Berry
- 14 Sarah Baldwin
- 15 Joanna Lease
- 16 Horace Cleft (Deacon)

Mr. Hunter & wife for personal reasons did not sign the petition, but will acquiesce in what the Church does -



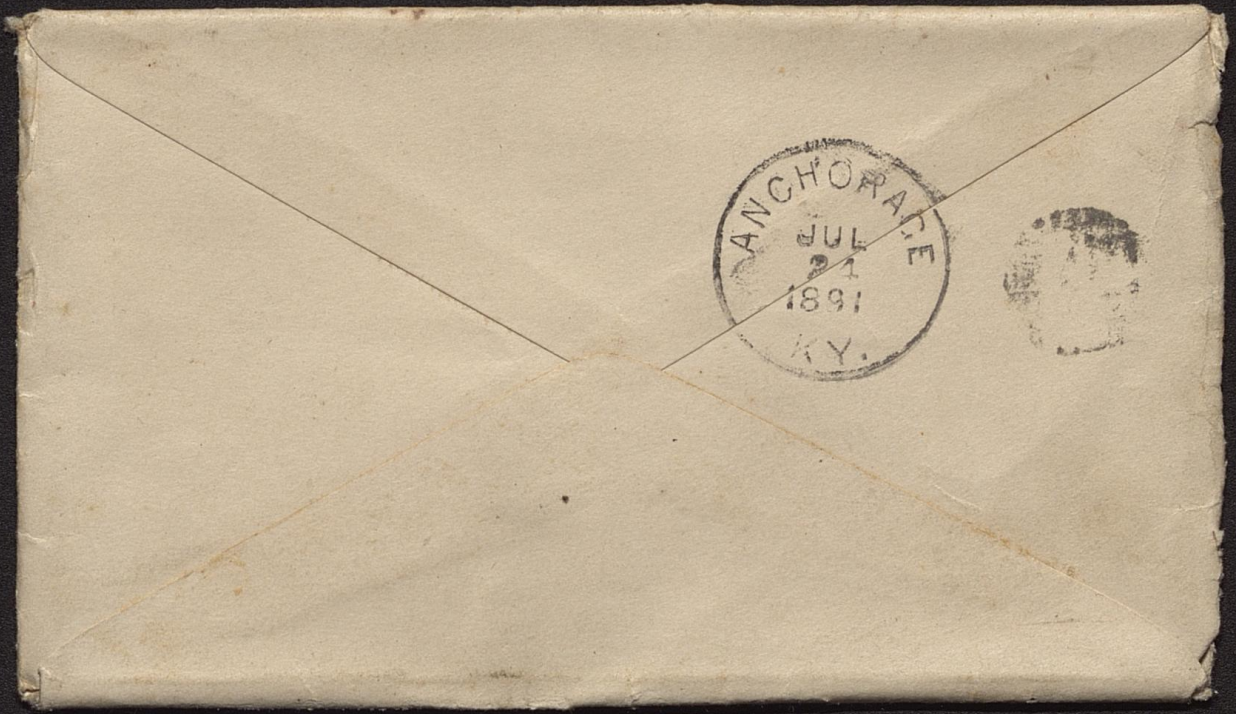
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promise anything to  
pay ~~at~~ at M.

Washington, Ky.



Rev. E. W. Berlinger, D.D.  
Anchorage  
Jefferson Co. Kentucky







Perryville Ky. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 92

Dear Brother

Just home & I send  
you check for \$10<sup>00</sup> for  
McKinney church to the Evg  
Fund I think their assessment  
is Five dollars or has been in  
the past; I suppose it will <sup>be</sup> the  
same this year

I am glad this little church  
can send this much

I expect they are the first  
of any of our churches who send  
in for the new year (92 + 93 -)

I hope to send for the  
church at Houstonville \$10<sup>00</sup> by  
the time I get back from  
Scottsville = Hope to start  
the Lord will to day or very  
early Monday morning for  
Scottsville If I get off to day  
at noon. I will be compelled to stay



Over at Bowling Green until  
Monday morning at 5 o'clock -  
unless I travel on the Sabbath

Have you employed L. O. Spren  
again - and does R. E. Caldwell  
still take part in the work

I have not heard very much  
about the arrangements

My sickness preventing my  
being at Synod - rather threw  
me off the run of things

The Lord bless you  
Your Brother

Jo H Hopper

P.S.

Please send me Receipt  
for the \$10<sup>00</sup> I send for the  
McKinney Church -



Ans'd Nov 15-  
stating terms

of reengagement

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Rev. E. W. Bedinger D D  
Anchorage  
Kentucky

Jefferson Co





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Perryville Ky <sup>Mon</sup> 6-92

Dear Brother

I had just got my valise packed and fastened - and was in a little while to take my conveyance to Danville to train for Erlanger when I got the following telegram - from Brother Spears - telling me not to go to Erlanger - I guess he will write me by mail the reason why -

Bro Weaver is anxious for me to help him the latter part of this month which if the way he clear and you think best I would love to do -

Bro Helm was anxious



for me to help him  
again at Rowland - but  
I could not tell him on  
account of Dr. Langer  
& Mr. Bence, has been  
hoping for me to help  
him at Houstonville  
at sometimes between  
regular meetings

I have in a measure  
gotten better of my sick  
back. though I am  
not as stout as I would  
like to be - still I had  
(the Lord willing) intended  
to go to help Spears at E -

Unless you have  
some special work  
you want me to do  
I can before going to  
Bro. Weaver help Helms  
or Bence if they are  
ready for a meeting

at either place, or  
perhaps help them both  
in meetings of ten days  
each -

Dr. Rutherford - Rev. Crow,  
Dr. Glass - Porter, Miley,  
David & wife and others have  
asked me to help them in  
their different fields at some  
time when convenient, I  
don't know at what points they  
wish to hold their meetings  
and could only say that the  
whole thing was in your hands  
if you said yes - it was all  
right with me -

I hope you are about well  
now I heard you was quite  
unwell a short time since  
The Lord bless you and give  
you strength & grace for the work  
your Bro. J. H. Hopper



Telegraph first as soon as you  
get this - that I now know  
what arrangements to make  
about getting to my station on  
time -

before it would reach me. I  
would have started from my  
home for Chrisney =

So you please telegraph me by  
way of Mitchellsburg and  
Telephone to Perryville Ky  
to what point I must  
go to reach Chrisney

And if I am able I  
will try to make the trip  
Hoping that you will  
be able to go & that we  
shall have a good meeting  
with the prayer for Gods  
blessing on us & our work

I am for Bro  
Jo H. Stapp

At Home 6 O'clock P.M. Dec 7 19<sup>th</sup> 92

Dear Brother

Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> just received  
since I wrote to you one week ago  
to day I have been confined to  
my bed & room and have suffered  
a good deal. Not until yesterday  
did I try to sit up most of the  
day - I am rather weak & nervous  
now - and have but little appetite

I have had but very little rest  
since 14<sup>th</sup> of October - I held the  
McKinney & Houstonville meetings  
for Bruce and went on to  
Scottsville 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov. the strain  
was greater on me than I had  
supposed

You speak of Chrisney. I do  
Bro. Molloy is a dear good man  
& no one appreciates him any  
more than I do - but I have grave  
fears as to his holding a meeting  
& the congregation. You are the  
Man for the Emergency - and  
I almost feel like saying if



you cant go now - better  
wait until you can go -

Your quiet way - and your  
Experience will go a long  
ways in shaping the work  
and securing success -

Our purpose of course  
is to so impress those  
people, that they will  
take to our church and  
our people - Mollooy - Caldwell  
or Spencer cant by any means  
do what I think you can -

If you will say that  
you will go, though you  
cant stay longer than 5 days  
or a week. (The Lord willing) and  
my strength allowing me

I will try and meet you  
at West Point on Louisville  
St Louis & Texas Rail Road  
on Friday morning from

Elisabeth Town - And we  
will go together & see what the  
Lord has for us over there

Of course. Yourself & myself  
hate to be away from our own  
families during Xmas week  
the only time that all kinds  
of servants claim as a  
holiday - still if we can  
honor the master and save  
some souls thereby, I am  
willing to give that time  
and take my vacation  
afterwards -

To reach Chesney by Friday  
night I will be compelled  
to leave my home on Thursday

This letter will not reach  
you in time for me to get an  
answer from you by mail -

It cannot reach me before late  
Thursday eve - or Friday" and



Tuesday Morning <sup>100 2</sup> 20 92

Brother B -

Last night was the first night  
I have been able to get to sleep before  
one or two o'clock since I came home

I am inclined to think  
it nervous prostration more  
than anything else -

While by the help of God I have  
decided to go to Christy - yet  
is with some uneasiness as  
to what will be the results to me  
Physically -

I want to be with you and  
yet don't want to interfere with  
your plans - but if it don't suit  
you to go this week + would suit  
you next week and would not  
discommode Bro. Abbott - we  
could begin Thursday night the 29<sup>th</sup>  
instead of this coming Friday night



So that by Care and quiet  
on my part I might be better  
able & prepared for the meeting  
both at Chrisney & Madisonville

I leave it all in your  
hands and will try and  
Comply with whatever you  
think best to be done in  
the matter =

I await your Telegram  
to say go & not go as you see  
proper - and to what place  
to stop to reach Chrisney  
(Excuse this nervous  
writing)

your Bro  
J. H. H.

P.S.

Of Course if you think proper  
to send Mollay all right - I shall  
do the very best I can to have  
a good meeting = with whoever  
you send



Dec. 19, 1892



Rev. E. W. Bedinger D D

Anchorage

Kentucky

Jefferson Co







At Home Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 92<sup>1</sup>

My Dear Brother

In the good Providence of God  
after a long months of hard work  
I reached home last night

I feel that Physically I am almost  
Sick. but hope it may wear off  
without having to take medicine

Our meeting at Scottsville  
was a good one for that little  
church. I think there was  
a power of the Spirit granted  
them and a more firm  
resolutions formed to go ahead  
and be something & do something  
for the Lords work. In regard  
to paying their Preacher, they had  
no system. Just one or another gave  
a pittance, which amounted  
during the year to about \$33<sup>00</sup>.

But by putting the thing  
in shape = I raised \$150. for



Caldwell, they were very much surprised and very glad indeed - He had some 5 or 6 added to the membership - which we hope was a help up to them in every way - I trust that some others who made profession of Faith will yet be added.

From Scottsville

We went to Elberton, where we had a good meeting for that little church, fine congregations & good interest - we had 6 very valuable additions, all grown people and of mature mind and age - I never saw a little church more encouraged and happy in the results -

They had been like Scottsville paying as they could get it their Preacher \$125 - but by systematizing the work, I raised in actual



3  
Monthly. Subscriptions \$270<sup>00</sup> they  
give Bro. Caldwell of this \$250<sup>00</sup>  
and the overplus they will  
apply to Contingencies & C =

I was then ready to have  
gone to Paducah - but Stagg  
& Caldwell, being the Committee  
of Mulenburg Presbytery said  
no - & that they would detain  
me a while longer & get your  
consent to be with them.

So they ordered me to go to  
Lorenton. We expected to hold  
public services for a few  
days. but on getting there we  
found the Baptist in full blast  
in a good meeting & we would not  
interfere for it would have been suicidal  
to our cause - so that we spent  
our time while there in a still hunt  
found a few Presbyterians (Old School,  
and several Cumberland Presbyterians  
we counselled with them, and



Succeeded in getting a petition to be organized into a church by some 8 or 10  
 Some of the Cumberland brethren  
 said they would not go now as the  
 charter members - but thought they  
 would come in later on -

So we made arrangements  
 for Caldwell & Stagg to go there  
 the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> of January and  
 hold services three or four days  
 and then if the way be clear to  
 complete the organization  
 From Norton

This Committee sent me to a  
 place called Oakland on  
 the L & N Rail Road some 10  
 miles from Bowling Green -

In visiting around I found  
 that there were some 12 scattered  
 Presbyterians, some of the Old Mission  
 Church - some of the B Green Church  
 and a family of the Warren Memorial  
 at Louisville. Circumstances were  
 such that it was not practical to  
 hold a service now - and so we made  
 arrangements for Stagg to preach at  
 Oakland on the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> of January  
 and if the way be clear to hold



3-

a few days meeting. Covering  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Sabbath in January. & if it  
was possible get all hands to combine  
and form a church at Oakland

I think it is fully practicable  
to do so - and thus save the old  
Mispah Church to that Presbytery  
otherwise I am sure it is done  
for. If I had the control of  
things. I would put a  
man at Scottsville & Oakland  
and any other convenient  
point in that locality -

and have Caldwell take  
care of Elkton & Kenton  
in connection with Franklin  
Church - I think Oakland  
could raise \$150 for a preacher  
this with Scottsville would be  
\$300<sup>00</sup> and the Home Mission  
Committee of Mulenberg to pay  
\$150 - would about keep a young  
man if he is any account in



that field =

If I am Not Physically unable  
I would love to spend the few  
Remaining days before Christmas  
at some point where I could  
do some good = but I know how  
hard it is to work against the  
Tide of Merriment which goes  
along with the Idea of Christmas

And as for the Country! being  
dark. Moon & bad weather I feel  
that I could not do much in  
a Country Church, nor I have  
the strength just now for much  
of a siege either to work by myself or  
with any one else -

When are you going with me to the old  
Hebron church - I would love to be  
with <sup>you</sup> again somewhere -

I am afraid I will worry you &  
so I must close - The Lord bless you  
and make the work prosperous in your  
hands  
your Bro. Jo H. Hopper





Rev. E. W. Bedinger D D

\* Anchorage

Kentucky

Jefferson Co



ANCHORAGE  
DEC  
1892  
K.Y.



did not have more than  
10 of our members out to the  
meeting at Midway - Baptist  
Methodist & United Brethren  
who lived near the Church made  
our congregations -

The Lord bless you  
Yours

To St. Hopper

P.S.

Just a few minutes ago my  
wife got your postal asking  
my whereabouts - I dropped  
you a postal but suppose  
you did not get it -

Have you anything from  
W.C. leave he wrote wanting me  
the 2<sup>d</sup> week in February -

Spencer goes to McElroy  
Owenboro - the 19<sup>th</sup> I think he said

Would love to hear from  
you - soon

Yours Brother

Perayville Ky. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 95

Dear Brother

Got home last night  
after a long & hard season  
of work -

I was at Chrisney until Monday  
the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. had some 17 additions  
in all - and secured about  
\$200 for a Preacher

On Monday went to Midway  
and labored six days and  
~~one~~ nights but liked to have  
frozen it was so cold - I left  
Chrisney on the 15<sup>th</sup> & spent  
one day & two nights with Cummins  
& Patton both good men and  
promised Patton to help him  
sometimes if he would get  
your consent -

At Midway I got some \$150  
in sight for a Preacher, with  
the assurance that the \$200  
would be made up

So that with \$400 from







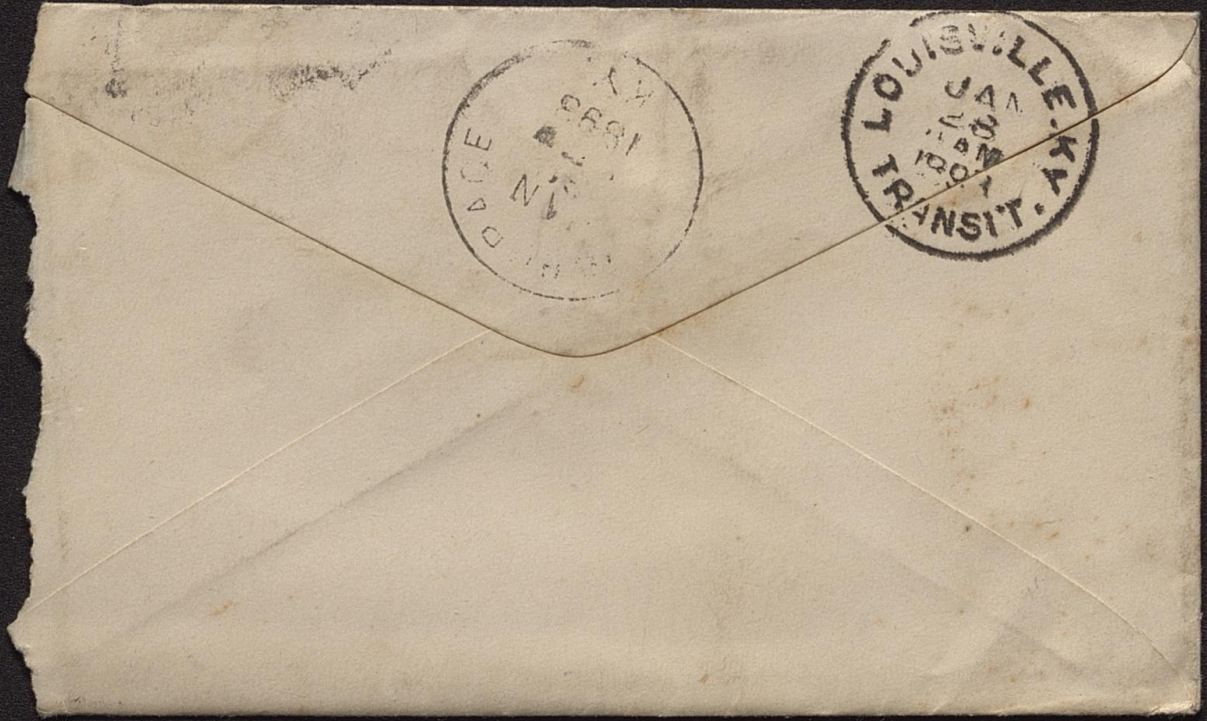
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Perryville



Rev. E. W. Bedinger D. D.  
Anchorage  
Jefferson Co  
Kentucky





INDIANAPOLIS IN.  
JAN 28 1891

LOUISVILLE KY.  
TRANSIT.  
JAN 28 1891



Dear Brother Campbellsville Ky Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 93  
We closed at Boston with one of the  
best meetings they ever had - <sup>had</sup> ~~in~~  
8 additions & good ones - & raised  
nearly all their Synodical assessment  
which Bill will send you - They gave Helms  
\$58<sup>00</sup> and Bro Bell 8 or 10 dollars - Making nearly  
\$70<sup>00</sup> in one week - I think they did grandly  
Furtherford at Paris postponed his meeting  
at Shaloham till last Sept to help out Weaver  
at Bethel Bay by & so I am here, I don't know  
if they have paid assessment or not - I will try  
and see to it and hope they do so if they  
have not - I promise wool, Hards oil &  
to be with him at devesport & Morrisons on  
1<sup>st</sup> September - Will write again Hopper





NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Rev E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Jefferson Co. Kentucky



Hewesville Ky  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1933

Dear Bro

Accept Thanks for ch. —  
of \$40<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> =

I have never in all my  
life worked so hard as I  
have in this County =

We have had 12 additions  
to Morrison & Seivesfront  
but none here as yet. one  
Husband has professed  
faith but has not joined the  
church yet. I shall have  
service to night. I know some  
several are interested and  
if they dont move to night  
I shall feel that I can do no  
more. For 33 days I have



been talking since a  
day & feel fearfully worn  
down - I know the Church  
has been blessed even  
if there be no additions

I have labored in 15 -  
Churches & with only a  
few exceptions have had  
to do all the talking "

a result of the years  
work 266 - have been  
added to the churches  
while a number who professed  
faith went to other churches

Have nothing to report  
Save these two little gifts  
I told you about \$10.<sup>00</sup> & \$13.<sup>00</sup>  
sent to my wife & for which I  
think the entire work done  
should suffice for that



I shall always feel  
if the Committee should  
charge it up to me under  
all the Circumstances

It would be hard on me  
and not just the right  
thing - but do as you  
think best - in the premises

The Lord bless you  
if I choose here to night  
will be in Louisville at  
my daughters on the Highlands  
for the Sabbath -

Yours Bro

J. H. [Signature]



Recd of E. W. Bedinger  
a check for \$40<sup>50</sup> and  
\$9<sup>50</sup> collection of the  
Morrison Church Hancock  
County - on salary due  
me to July 1<sup>st</sup> 1895 -  
October 6<sup>th</sup> 1895  
J. H. Hopper



Receipt to E. W. B  
from J. M. Hopper





Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.D.  
Anchorage  
Kentucky  
Jefferson Co





LOUISVILLE, KY.  
OCT 6  
11 PM  
TRANSIT



best - for I am willing to trust  
you in this as in everything else - for  
I know you love me and will do  
for the best as far as you know  
your own heart -

I must ask you if possible  
that you send me something  
in the way of help this week for I have  
not a dollar to go on or to leave  
for my family when I go to Franklin

Perryville Ky Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 93

Dear Brother

Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> came to hand Saturday  
Caldwells writes that his meeting begins  
19<sup>th</sup> Inst but wishes me to come next Saturday  
and do a weeks preparatory work for him -

I cant say what is best, but if you thinks best  
it is all right and if not providentially hindered  
will go and do the best I can - I hope you will write  
and explain to Bro. Case - Caldwell needs more  
help than Case for he has a great deal to contend with.  
While Bro. C. has a good deal to fall back upon -

While the showing of works from Jan 9 to Feb 12 may  
not have been all that could be wished for - yet the  
weather & surroundings have been such that it  
could hardly be expected to have been much  
greater - but I am sure that no one can  
blame you for it - Central City - McKenny and  
Madisonville were closed against us - though  
we <sup>were</sup> ready & willing to work, surely no one would  
have the heart to blame us for not doing that  
which we could not do - The failure of the  
Princeton meeting - we regret but we could not help it -



As for my Individual Self the Exposure to that Cold Weather from 25<sup>th</sup> of December until I got the last of January to my home came as near laying me aside and caused me as much physical suffering as any work I ever done in the same length of time in my life. The Cold in my system and pressure upon my lungs has been the occasion of several restless and sleepless nights - though I am better and yet not fully relieved - still I shall endeavor to go and do so long as the Lord grants me grace and strength -

I hope you are well and have not been laid aside by the extreme cold weather

The Lord bless you  
your Brother  
J. H. Hooper

As I told you when we were at Chisney there was sent to my wife

From Jefferson Co -	\$ 13.00
From Boone Co -	10.00
From Bro. Moore at Newton which I supposed was to pay my Expenses home	2.00

The two larger amounts were special gifts to my wife - If the Committee think proper to claim it - of course I shall say nothing

But I can conscientiously say that next to yourself (and in which I think you will bear me out in) that I have done as much if not more extra hard work in the way of holding meetings & doing all the talking and the other work than any one man in the employ of the Committee and for a much less salary than has been allowed to others and I am sure you can say for me that I have lost as little time from the work as any of the brethren - While I claim no praise for myself - yet under God I trust I have led as many souls to Christ - I leave the matter for you to decide as you think





Rev. E. W. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Kentucky  
Jefferson Co





LOUISVILLE, KY.  
FEB 7  
1893  
TRANSIT



Receipt of E. W. Bedinger Head  
in Committed One Hundred and  
Fifty Dollars on account  
Exp Labor January 25-1894  
J. H. Stapp



Dear Bro -

At Home, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 94

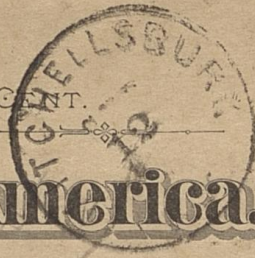
Forsy this additions from my last meeting at E. Barnes & none such have been suffering ever since my return home - fearful Boils

I am compelled though I hate to do so to tele you that I have a note to meet in bank in a few days of over \$125<sup>00</sup> + have not one cent to meet it - and if it is possible could you help me out. I hope to go to Miller's side enough next Monday. The Lord bless you. I hear that Bro Frank is coming back

Your Bro A Hopper



POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.



United States of America.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

*Recd Sep 12. '94*

*Rev E W Bedinger  
Anchorage  
AK*



Dear Brother      Lexington Ky Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 74  
To my surprise I am still at the  
Methodist church. The Lord has shut  
me up and I cant get away. we  
have 20 additions to last night  
Tuesday with a fair prospect for  
several others. I am getting quite  
tired physically. I may have to stay  
till Sunday night. or I may get home  
Saturday for rest. I am hoping for  
a good contribution at the close  
unless there be arrangements made  
for the other places. I can go to Lord  
and see what is there. I hope you are  
well and getting on well.      Thine J. H. St.



Feb 7, 1894

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Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.D.  
Anchorage  
Jefferson Co Kentucky



Dear Brother  
Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 Lexington N.Y.  
So thankful for checks of \$125 + \$185 -  
Total \$240 - You dont know what a burden  
it takes off me - Our meeting is still  
going on & additions thus far = praying  
for others - Dr. Runt has written to Chichester  
Minister - have not heard yet - Dr. Rutherford  
was here to day wants a meeting at Paris  
have Manchester & Paris raised assessments  
yet - I dont think the season would do  
well for valley view = might go to Ford  
as the people are near by - Can go to the  
other in warmer weather = have not  
any word yet from Point Burnside  
will hear before long - Hope you had  
a good visit to Queensboro - and made a good  
collection = I would not be very much surprised  
if Patten & Mr. Henderson were to ask for meeting  
as I spoke some time ago = if they have not  
made assessment might be well to try them  
Hof



Feb 1, 1894

POSTAL CARD ONE CENT.

WINGTON KY  
FEB 2  
8 AM



United States of America

THIS SIDE IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

Ans'd Feb 6. '94

Rev. E. W. Bedinger D D  
Anchorage  
Jefferson Co Kentucky



Received Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1894. of Rev  
E. W. Bedinger, Treas, of Synods  
Evq. Committee one check for  
Eighty dollars on Salary due  
me July 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 -

J. H. Hopper Evq





Received of E. W. Bedinger  
Treasurer, Evg. Committee Synod of  
Kentucky, Seventeen Dollars on  
Acct Salary due me July 1<sup>st</sup> 1894,  
said amount being from  
different persons on my files  
of work

July 25<sup>th</sup> 1894 J. H. [Signature]

He ack receipt of ck for \$17. in  
letter of 25<sup>th</sup> July.



Received of Rev E W Bedingers  
Treasurer of Synods Evg. Committee  
one check for \$28<sup>00</sup> sent me on  
Salary due me the quarter ending  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 said check dated or sent  
Sept 18<sup>n</sup> 1894 - Perryville Oct 8<sup>n</sup> 1894

J. H. Hopper

Received of Rev. E. W. Bedingers  
\$11<sup>50</sup> amount from Pineville  
Church = \$5<sup>00</sup> from C. P. Armstrong  
from Perryville Church -

and a check for \$80<sup>00</sup> due  
me on salary as evangelist  
for quarter ending July 1<sup>st</sup> 1894

J. H. Hopper



Received of Rev. E. W. Biedinger  
Treasurer of Synods Evangelistic  
Committee Eleven Dollars &  
50<sup>o</sup> on Salary due me for  
quarter ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 1894  
This amount was raised  
by me from the Church at  
Pineville Ky -

Oct 3<sup>o</sup> 1894 J. H. Hopper Wg

Received of Rev. E. W. Biedinger  
Treasurer of Synods Evangelistic  
Committee - Five Dollars on  
Salary due me as Evangelist  
for quarter ending July 31<sup>st</sup> 1894  
This was collected by me  
from E. J. Armstrong an  
opportunityment of Perryville  
Presbyterian Church

Oct 3<sup>o</sup> 1894

J. H. Hopper Wg



Perryville Ky July 25-94

Dear Brother

Since I wrote you the other day I have suffered a great deal & suppose I taxed my strength farther than I thought, and now I suffer in my breast & lungs so that a good deal of pain is the result. I hope by care & the use of proper means I shall get able before long to go ahead in my work. I wrote to Irvin about my condition & told him I would try & help him at Clay City and at Stanton if not by the 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath very soon after - but that I trusted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath - I am certain is not a mission point & if I hear to disappoint any one I would rather it would be them than Irvin - if the Lord will I would



be glad to report 500 souls  
added to Christ by Synod  
about 100 more will make  
the number

I have heard nothing more  
from Saunders since I wrote  
you but told him He must  
advise with you in the  
matter I hope the other Presbytery  
will not kick by my giving  
so much time to West Lexington

I was so thankful to get the  
check of \$70<sup>00</sup> but only wished  
it could have been more

The \$17<sup>00</sup> I spoke of was  
little contributions I got  
in Anderson Co. from various  
persons.

I trust you are better  
now & will soon be out  
again = I heard that you

have been to Stamford = I fear  
you struck a hard field  
to get money - though in former  
years I guess they did well  
& I hope they will come up this  
time

Neas Bethel Church in  
Fayette Co. come up with her  
apportionment = Thompson  
is begging for a meeting there  
most likely - a good amount  
might be secured if we could  
have a good meeting there,  
before long -

I will keep you posted  
as to how I am getting  
along and as soon as I will  
be safe for me I will be out  
on the field - I am not in  
bed but feel very badly and  
weak - The Lord bless you  
Yours Bro J. H. [unclear]