

Brooklyn N.Y. Nov. 25/87.

Dear Ben:-

Enclosed find a  
check for Thirty dollars.  
(\$30.00) for Synod's Evan. Unit.  
Hobbs' collection yesterday.  
I believe you are treasurer  
now.

Very sincerely yours  
S. F. Taylor.

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Rev. E. W. Biddinger  
Anchorage  
Ky.

S. F. Taylor - \$30. to Helron Ch.  
Receipt sent Nov 25. '89









But at the same time I cannot approve  
of the way in which the funds collected  
were used - If you will compare the  
salaries of the pastors employed by the  
Committee, or on its pay roll, as report-  
ed in the Assembly's minutes, with the  
sums paid them, as reported in the Synod's  
minutes, you will see how large their  
support is compared with so many others.  
e.g. Vane - Dr. Blewett - Dr. Gunder - Mr.  
Boggs. DeVault. &c &c -

If these & other brethren do not  
get salaries for their labors enough to  
support them - then their Parishes should  
aid them in their Sustentation work  
Their out side work - which all pastors  
do - should be done without expectation  
of remuneration for Synod's Com -  
with <sup>^</sup> for this Evangelistic work. I am  
in hearty sympathy. and in the  
future so in the past will raise  
whosoever can in support of my  
Ch. if possible - But to urge my  
people to contribute to aid in



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giving large salaries to pastors, who  
are already giving them a good  
support. I can not do it any  
more after this year -

This work was not intended as  
a means for money making by those  
who, as pastors, ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> working in the  
distant places <sup>in</sup> their countries -

You know how I tried to be care-  
ful in using Ch. funds while a  
member with you of Louisville Page's  
Home Miss. Con. -

If the Synod at Cincinnati  
would appoint its present Con-  
vention with you as Chairman - so now  
to control its work, and employ  
3004 Evangelists, whose whole time  
would be spent in purely evangelistic  
work, and give them good salaries,  
and let the Presb. take care of  
their own ecclesiastical work - the one



I believe we'd readily raise all  
needed funds —

I only wanted to set myself  
straight with you — and would  
not have you take time, for  
I know how constantly busy you  
are, to answer this letter —

Very sincerely & affectionately yours

S. F. Taylor.



Wm. Afee Ky. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1820.  
Dear Dr. Bedinger-

I send you herewith  
a list of <sup>all</sup> the families & most of the  
members of New Prov. ch. - as you  
request -

But I must in faithfulness  
say, that I cannot make any  
extra effort to get from my  
people their opportunity for Syn-  
od's work this coming year - I shall  
of course take up the collection  
but that is all I can conscien-  
tiously do -

It is only a difference of opin-  
ion between us - and I cannot  
deny that the opinion of the Com-  
mittee is worth much more than  
mine in the church. and that it  
has great weight with me -

But I do not think that the  
Churches should be asked to raise  
money for Evangelistic work.  
When so large a proportion of it



is used for purely sustentation work.  
I do not believe it is right  
to continue the aid to Vance's  
ch. nor the field of Anis - nor  
to Bozzo - nor Guilan - nor Cooke.  
nor a host of others - whose  
churches are able to support them.  
Spencer's field supported him before  
the Synod undertook this work.  
Bozzo ch. gives a good salary.  
Guilan's a large salary. Dr  
Blanton's name does not appear  
in your report to Synod. It is quite  
time to discontinue the \$125. This  
when he already gets so large a  
salary. Dr. Guilan's name does  
not appear. yet in a letter to me  
you stated that he had rec'd \$133 -  
for the year, or a part of the year.  
If the Middleboro's field needs the  
\$400. help. then Transylvania Presby  
shd supply it, even if it had to  
apply to the Synod's com. for it -  
If your committee wd only



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leave all sustentation work to the  
Presbyters - and send some six  
or eight ~~sin~~ pure evangelists  
into the purely evangelistic portions of  
the state on good, but no longer  
extravagant salaries than the chs  
wld furnish the money with glad-  
ness -

This does not need an answer  
I know how your time is fully  
occupied -

But you need not be surpris-  
ed to see these views published  
in the Observer, before long - On  
the line of my paper presented  
to Synod, a report had been  
made satisfactory to all concerned  
wh. wld have greatly aided the work.  
and such a report wld have  
been made - if the Moderator  
had appointed <sup>honest</sup> older & wiser  
heads in his special committee,  
who wld not have needed the  
"older & wiser head" to aid them, to



When Dr. Ingham referred to  
his speech—

I dread Dr. I am greatly inter-  
ested in this work. And sincerely  
wish I could be in hearty sym-  
pathy with it. But this ~~fund~~  
~~is~~ is no public job. Too many  
who are dependent on it. and too  
many ministers think they cannot  
go out side their own parishes to  
do any work unless paid for it  
for this fund. I venture to say  
that half of those who are paid  
for this fund, save all they are  
paid every year—

Very faithfully yours  
J. F. Taylor.

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Rev. E. W. Bridger. S. S.  
Anchorage.  
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Rev. E. W. Bedinger. Chm<sup>r</sup>  
Near Bro.

Your Circular Letter  
rec<sup>d</sup> and submitted to our Session  
at its last Meeting, and the  
following Resolution was unan-  
imously adopted. to wit-

"The Evangelistic cause has  
been faithfully presented to our  
people and they have contributed  
of their means such amounts as they  
are willing to give, and tis useless  
to present the cause to them again.  
Our people do not approve of the way  
the Synods Evangelistic work is being  
conducted".

J. H. Lapey. Secy.      S. P. Taylor. Modr.  
Session of New Providence Ch.





Rev. E. H. Bedinger  
Anchorage  
Kentucky





McAfee Ky. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1892.

Dear Bro:-

I failed to get a chance to talk to you at synod abt Mr. Speers & the Washington ch. - He told me that the Committee wld no longer grant aid therein in that field on account of what I had said to you -

I do not think that that field needs any outside help. I believe if made & do so, it can well support a pastor. I am supported in this view by elder T. S. Ferman of Midway, who I also desired to talk with you at synod -

That ch. never before in my recollection had any outside aid.

The precinct of Wm. Washington is the center sold last year a million dollars worth of stuff for its farms - a great deal of it



W. A. Ky. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1892.  
Rev. Dr. Bridger.

Dear Sir:-

I had written to you  
just before receiving yr letter, in=  
closing the one to Mr. Forman of Middle  
way - You will see that he agrees  
with me - that the Workingmen  
Ch. Eld. if they would support  
their poster - I know very well  
in the Ch. there - & their ability  
to give - Some of them are doing  
unusually well. Others of them are  
doing unusually badly -

I firmly believe that the Com=  
mittee has no right to make  
such an appropriation of the  
funds entrusted to them - & that  
by so doing they are harming the  
Ch. to whom such help is given -

If you can possibly do so, go  
up there - or send some one  
& take over the field for yourself.



I shld dislike very much to know  
that Mr. Spear has gone away fr  
them - But that wld be better than  
helping them - when they can do  
all that is necessary for themselves.  
Why, our young fellow - who is  
well off, only gives \$5.00 to the  
poor's salary - so Mr. S. tells me -  
He old rarely gives \$50.00! —

Sincerely yours

S. F. Taylor.



belonged to Purby families - I believe one serious objection to our Synod's work is that it is pauperizing so many of our chs - They will not support themselves so long as the committee supports them - I believe they - at least they can support their pastor - and if I were he, if they did not, I'd go too quickly - Tho' Mr. Spear has been very successful there - & I sh'd hate to know of his leaving there -

Suppose you go - or send some one, there to look into this matter.

But certainly I do not want the Committee to act either way wholly on what I say -

Very fraternally & sincerely yours  
S. F. Taylor.