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Pineville, Bell Co., Kentucky. June 27, 1889. Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D. D., My dear Dr., I enclose you a copy of a letter recently received from Mr. Arthur, of Knoxville Tenn. in regard to a lot for church at Middlesborough, Kentucky. This is the new town at the Cumberland Gap. I was building more wisely than I thought"; and instead of a church lot only you see from the letter that if we will accept the conditions, we may soon have the church, also. I have taken the liberty of accepting the conditions, and shall depend upon the liberality of the churches and individuals to help me meet the obligation. Of course I could accept the lot; and wait for people to move there, and get up the money to build; but, really, I do not

With assurance of kind regards, Dr. I remain

that much to meet the conditions imposed by Mr. Arthur.

think we can afford to let such an opportunity pass; and have so acted.

Please bring the subject before any individuals who may help me in

enough money to do the furnishing of the church too, tho it may take

the matter. I want to raise \$1000 for that point, so that we will have

Your young friend and brother

Hury Eliller.

(Copy).

Knoxville, Tenn., June 17th, 1889.

Rev. Henry Miller,

Pastor Pres'by Church,

Pineville, Ky.:

My dear Sir,

Is timet. I am ready to donate to you a lot of the size indicated, at any time. I have also prepared plans for a nice little church.

As soon as we hear that you are ready to take the church off our hands and to contribute the labor for the erection of the same, I shall put the work in the hands of a contractor and build the church for you free of cost, except as to labor. I have estimated on a building of abo about \$2000 cost. We will convey the lot to you on condition that it is used only for church purposes. As to a parsonage lot, that we can not undertake to give. If the church is constructed and ready for occupancy by the 1st of October, we would require the privilege of using it for loding purposes during the time of our auction sales during that month.

Awaiting your early reply, I am

Faithfully yours

Alex.A.Arthur, General Manager of The Middlesburgugh Town Co.

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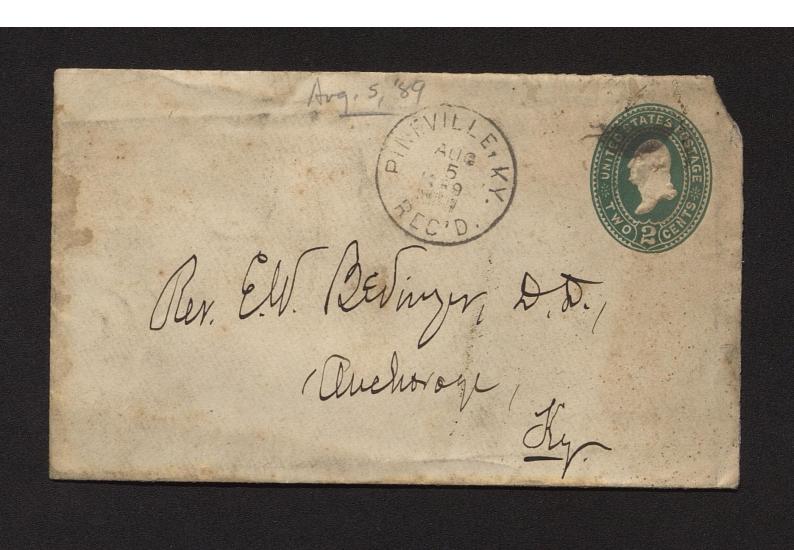
McAfee, Kentucky. April 25,1889. Rev.E.W. Bedinger, D.D.; My dear Dr., Your kind favor of the 24th was received this evening and its contents noted. I appreciate very kindly, the action of your Committee, in offering me work in our home mission field. I shall take it into consideration, and shall apprise you at the earliest moment of my decision in the matter. A letter on the same subject, came this afternoon, from Dr. Blanton; and informed me that he and Dr. Guerrant expected to visit the field, the Friday before the first Sunday in May and invited me to go up then , or come on, the following Monday. As my work here closes the second Sa Sunday in May, it will not do for me to be away the first Sunday, but, I shall endeavor to go to Pineville, on Monday, the sixth of May. With a prayer that God may bless you in your very important work, I remain very fraternally, yours, Henry elliller.

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signing the in P+ misson Pineville, Kentucky. October 2, 1889. Rev. E. W. Bedinger, Dear Dr. Your letter of a recent date and also the one of the 3oth ult were both received. Absence from home was the occasion of my not answering the former. I thank you very much for your kindness to send \$100 to help me pay for the foundation; but I have sufficient money to pay for that. I offered to let the contract for that, a month ago, if Col. Ray would give me the deed for for the lot; but he declined to do so. Ishall now let it without his giving the deed, with the expectation that he will be compelled to give it, as he has promised it, so many times, before almost "a cloud of with Jeame hero May 30th 89. nesses". My report concerning the work is the following: Dr. Guerrant was with me the first week in July, and after preaching, five days we organized the Pineville Presbyterian church, with twelve members; Mr. Frank Marimon was made an elder and Mr. E.H.Patterson a deacon. The church is in a good condition; quite as good as we could expect. I have collected for the building of this church: Money \$235.IO-; subscriptions tht are perfectly good \$ 740; total \$975.10. We hope to build a little brick chapel that will cost about \$2500. I explained to you the plan of the building being such that it could be added to in the future without tearing any part of it away. On the fourth of August I organi ized the first Presbyterian churchU.S. at Middlesborough with

with sixteen members. Capt. R. F. Patterson, DrW. C. Ketron, and Mr. D, A, McAfee were made elders and Jas.L.Patton was made a deacon. This chuin church is exceedingly promising. God has brought us through the dark waters there, but, indeed seems to smile upon the workand to give abundant returns for all our labor in his behalf. I have collected for the church building at this place: Money \$303.65; good subscriptions \$ 75; building material to be given by the English company worth \$550; total878.65. Danville, Richmend, and Troy burches promised me in the aggregate \$235.I shall divide this between the two when it comes, and this will make the amount for Pineville, about \$1095 ; and that for Middlesborough, about \$990. The contract has been let for this church , and work is progressing fairly well: amt. of bid \$2668. If I could have spent all my time collecting money of course I could have secured almost double the amount; but it is exceedingly important that I be at these places as much as possible, as strangers are coming all the time and I could do much toward strengthing the churches by my presence there. I shall have to ask that the Committee, either send a man out there to preach while I am collecting the money, or devise some other manner of securing it so that I can be out here preaching. The Methodists think so much of Middlesborough that they have sent out a man to spend his whole time there. I can well put in my whole time at the two places. I wish, Dr., to express my gratitude to God; and, my thanks to you and the Com. for the help and encouragement I have received. I think the church will be well paid for the outlaw in this part of the State.

Yours ever faithfully

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McAfee, Kentucky. May 30, 1889.

Rev.E.W. Bedinger:

Dear Dr.

leave this morning for Pineville. Dr.Guerrant expects to meet me there, and we shall labor there together long enough to see what the outlook is. I shall decide after this visit, whether I shall remain there atall, or remain for a few months, or shall accept the work permanently: of my decision I shall write you, as soon as I have sufficient facts to enable me to decide. I was delighted to receive a letter from your dear missionary boy, bearing date of April the I5th. He was well.

I trust our work at Pineville will be the means of beginning a church that will be apower for good in that part of our field.

With assurance of very kind regards, I remain

Your friend, etc

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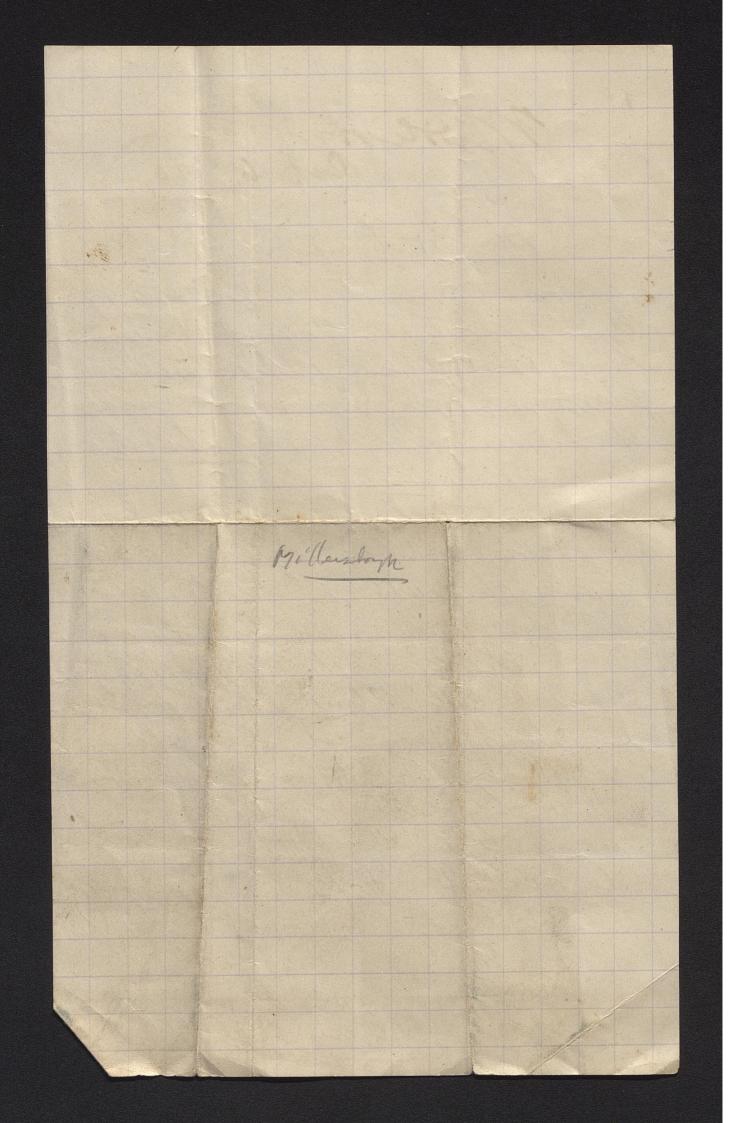
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Middlesborough, Kentucky. May 17, 1892.

Rev.E.W. Bedinger:

Dear Bro.,

Mr. Long, who is still an elder at Pineville is very anxious to have that church secure the services of his old pastor, James McCullough, of New Haven. The recent organization of th church at Corbin makes it all the more necessary that we get a man at work in the field soon. I have been so desirous of getting some one there that I have yielded to Mr. Long's request to write to Mr. MeC, on the subject. If we wait for a perfect man for the field we shall nev er get one; and, tho Mr.McC. may not be exactly what you would like (tho I have no reason to think what your opinion of him is) still I hope you will do what ever is nehessary to have him come out and visit the field. Let us give him a trial. He is spoken of as a fine preacher, and his opportunities here in that direction are boundless. As there is no other church organization at Corbin except ourown, a quick campaign there, will in my judgment strengthen us there largely. You were very fortunate in securing Bro. Slaymaker; his work is the mos He had a week permanent that I have ever seen in an evangelist. left between the time he preached at Pineville and Corbin, and when he must go to Bro. Glass and to other parts of the Presbytery; and I requested him to spend it at the Mingo mines. There are five or six Anandred people living thereabouts, mining and running the coke ovens. It is the most important point within 25 miles of here; a few of my members live there, and hence his work there may be considered as work in one part of my field. I am free to tell you that it is over t the line, in Tenn. The point can be reached by rail from here by seve eral trains a day. There are two mountain ranges between it and Powe ell's valley, inaccessible except on foot. Bro.S. will be there only a few days more. If there is a desire for a church organization, of cou course their petition will be forwarded to the proper Presbytery and they will send their evangelist, or a commission to organize. We are having a struggle here. The town is standing still, and the chs of course suffer in the general depression. I am glad to feel that o our church is selfsupporting, -none other in town is. We have reason t to be very thankful. I must do all in my power to strengthen the things that remain; and so if you think this work of Bro.S.irregular, why just bear that in mind. If the members are received here it will wive us help:if they organize for themselves it will add strength to the general cause, in the community. The general outlook for Presbyterianism in this part of the Pres. is really bright.

May the Lord bless you is my earnest prayer.

Ever sincerely and fraternally,

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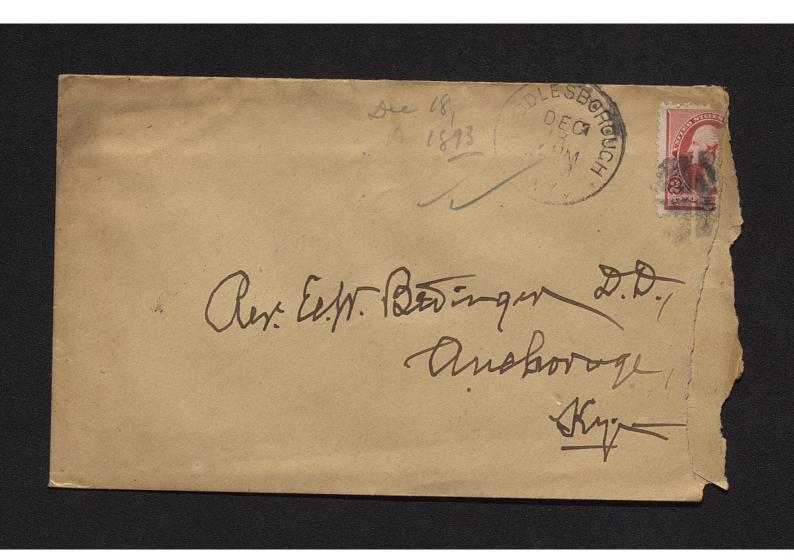
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Middlesborough, Kentucky. December 18,1893. Rev. F. W. Bedinger, DD.; Dear Dr., I respectfully submit the following report of my work to the Committee of Evangelistic Work in the Synod: The decision of the Com. to assist the church and the consequent agree ment of my church at Middlesborough to allow me to be absent one Sabbath each month, came to me so late on the month -of October that I do not begin work at Pineville and Corbin till November. As to Pineville: I spent November the 18th and 19th at Pineville. Pres ched Sunday morning and night to small congregations. We took collection at the morning to get \$15 with which to have the roof bainted. Wh When I returned on last Saturday I found that two coats had been put on, and that the roof is now in good condition. on, and that the roof is now in good condition for the Winter. The con gregations yesterday were quite good. We celebrated the communion at the morning service and the congregation was a large one. The day was very inclement the night congregation was also good. I am gratifie at the outlook there; tho as you know the state of discouragement that has existed can be removed only after a time. The class of people who live in Pineville is very much better than when I began work there 4 years ago. It is a promising point. As to Corbin: I preached there on Thanksgiving day and also on the 9th inst. I shall explain to the Com. that owing to the scarcity of mong and the consequently small contributions made for my support during September on, to this time, that during Septemberl by the advice and with concurrence of the officers of my church I consented to teach two and a half hours a day for the public school. This I am doing still, and . shall be compyleded to continue till the church support and Com's.assistance shall be a support. Owing to the way the trains run, I can not preach at Corbin on Friday night as I stated that I could. The best that I can do is to preach at Corbin on Saturday defternoon . I have been there twice; and while the outlook is not so bright as at Pineville, I can by Spring time tell whether we can do any thing there or not. My work at Middlesborough is very encouraging, I have preached there all the other Sundays of Nov. and Dec. We have persons to join our ch. every few Sundays. With assurance of regard, I remain very respectfully and fraternally, Miller -





Misslephorough at. March rainy. Rev. Elv. Bedringen, S. S., My derr Bro. for the first quarter of 184: Than preached regularly at Middles The word is progressing satisfactory at middles sorough: we received one member last Sunday and there to night. Consisting the Distrussing financial State of effairs Common to Town the Church is down well, in abunost Every organtmuch at Emville, the out look is bitter than at any former time. Show your there buse soch month, and while there home been no additions to the Church our congregations are good, we have more good per of the tours

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Middlesborough, Kentucky. August 6,1894.

Rev.F.W. Bedinger:

My dear Bro.,

I have just received a letter from Rev.R.

B. Hodge Humbolt Tenn. a class mate of mine for one year at the Sem-

B. Hodge, Humbolt, Tenn., a class mate of mine, for one year at the Seminary, who has spent most of his time, since, in Texas; and, on account of poor health, there, seeks another field of labor. I wish to put his manner before you, so that you may give him a trial, if occasion require.

I never heard him preach, but remember him as a sensible fellow.

When shall I expect to receive some money for

the quarter ending with June?

by the name of Rice, a grand nephew of Nathan L. Rice, preaching for the Congregationalists. They are making a strong pull for that town; and the expected visit of our evangelist Mr. Hopper, ill as far as human judgment can go, will decide whether we shall continue there or get out of the field. Unless we shall take hold more aggressively, I shall most certainly advise that we surrender. It pains me to think of doing that as we have a few fine people among our little band those. Mr. Hopper does not want to go there and nothing less that a direct command from the Com. will take him there. My plan is to begin a meeting there the last week of august and let him come in the first of September. We can, I think after he comes, decide in awash what we shall do for the future. Please let him come, and let me have some one to advise with as to what we shall do.

In spite of various discouragements our work here is doing well.

Yours very fraternally,

Tenry miller



Middlesborough, Kentucky. August 20, 2894. Rev. E. W. Bedinger: My dear Bro. , Your Circular communicated through me to the Pineville church is received; and I shall do what I can to get a contribution from that church during next month. My plan now is to begin a meeting at Corbin, the first of next week, and be joined there by Bro. Hopper the first of September. I communicate ed my purpose to him a d to you the last time I wrote, tho I have head heard nothing from him on the subject. But, as I consented for him to leave me earlier than I expected while he was here, I suppose I may count on him without fail. Please do what you can to have him with me without fail. Money is so scarce out this way that I would be glad if you will send me a partial payment of the amount due me for the last quarter, if you can. I look with prayful anxiety to the holding of those meetings, since the fate of those churches seem to depend upon such a move. / Unless we can do something definite the Committee may still have the Pineville debt on its hands; because if the church were ever sold no œ one would give one half the amount required to liquidate the debt. I pray God's blessing on you and the work. (Pray for us.) Yours very fraternally, Menry Millet.

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Middlesborough, Kentucky. June 27,1894.

Rey.E.W.Bedinger:

My dear Bro.,

We closed last Sunday night, a most enjoyable meeting in the church here. Bro. Hopper's preaching was wonders fully blessed. We added to our role 30 members. We took a collectin of about \$70 to the Evangelistic cause. It stirred the town as it has never been moved before. I am sure you will rejoice with me that all

done with their church building. Have you any suggestion to make on the the subject? We must proceed most carefully, as this is a delicate question. Pineville and Corbin are as ready for a meeting as was Middlesborough. I regretted so much that Bro. Hopper insisted on go-

the Northern Presbyterians who had not taken their letters away, came in

in with us. A very interesting question, now, is as to what will be de

ing to Frankfort, when these places were awaiting him. Owing to my sickness and the meeting, I have been able to go to Pineville but, once. At that time we received into the church two members: the wife of Jas. J. Gibson, and a Miss Cairns; both most excellent women.

I have not been to Corbin this quarter. I shall go down twice next month. Please let me have Bro. Hopper's assistance not later than September, first.

God has greatly blessed us ,and I feel more encouraged in our work that than for a long time. My desire is to make this church self-supporting which we can do with God's help in another year.

Please let this letter be in the place of a more formal report to the Committee.

Yours most respectfully and kindly,

Henry Miller.

