

Corydon, Ky., June 20, 1894.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,

Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I have been confined to my bed for a week past. Last Monday I fell from a ladder a distance of ten or twelve feet and severely strained my back. I also had a bilious spell which greatly aggravated the other trouble. I am much better today and hope soon to be well again, although I yet suffer a great deal of pain. I am very grateful, however, that it is as well with me as it is. I narrowly escaped instant death or being maimed for life. How kind is our Heavenly Father and how mercifully does He preserve us. My greatest trial was the missing

of my appointment at Ridgewood yesterday. I had arranged for three services, one in the morning, one at night and one in the Afternoon for the children. The latter I had looked forward to with much delight. My family have all been sick during the past month. I shall make out report for the present quarter in a few days. I think there is no doubt that Ridgewood will build a new church in the fall. A lady went to Henderson a few days ago and secured subscriptions amounting to over \$1000 for the new house.

Pray for this people that they may be stirred up to do more for the Lord's cause. We expect to dedicate our church at Sturgis in August. Please to excuse mine.

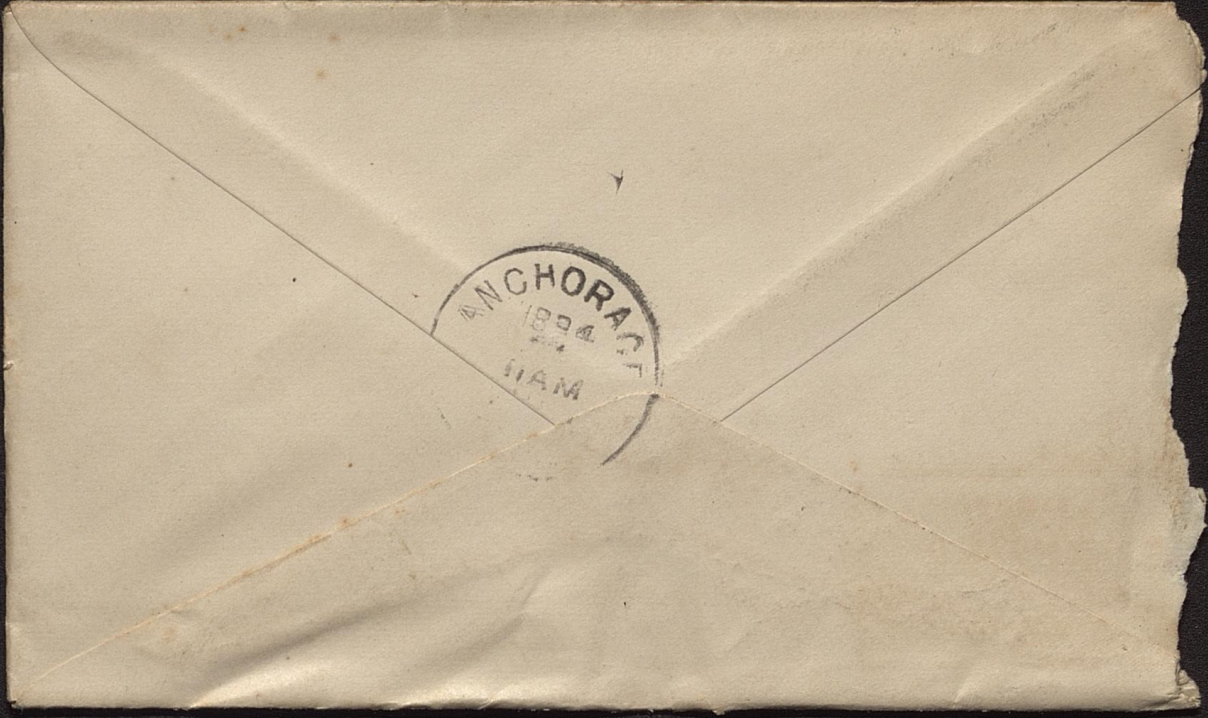
Yours in the Master's work,
R. H. Adams.

Ans'd + ck sent June 27. 94,
Rev R H Adams -

June 25, 1894



Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage
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Corydon, Ky., June 5, 1894.
Dear Brother:

Last Sunday at Sturgis we collected \$4.00 on their apportionment for Evangelistic Work. This with the \$5.00 before paid makes \$9.00 leaving bal. of \$3.50 still due which they say they will pay.

The fourth Sunday of May we collected at Ridgewood \$2.00 on their apportionment which with \$6.00 previously paid makes \$8.00 leaving balance of \$7.00 still due on Synod's apportionment. It is doubtful whether the \$6.25 can be raised, though I am going to try to get it. The balance on Synod's apportionment will be raised - \$7.00 - before October.

My salary from Synod for May is \$12.50
Paid by Sturgis Ch. \$4.00 By Ridgewood \$2.00 Total \$6.00
Bal due me, $\frac{6.00}{6.50}$

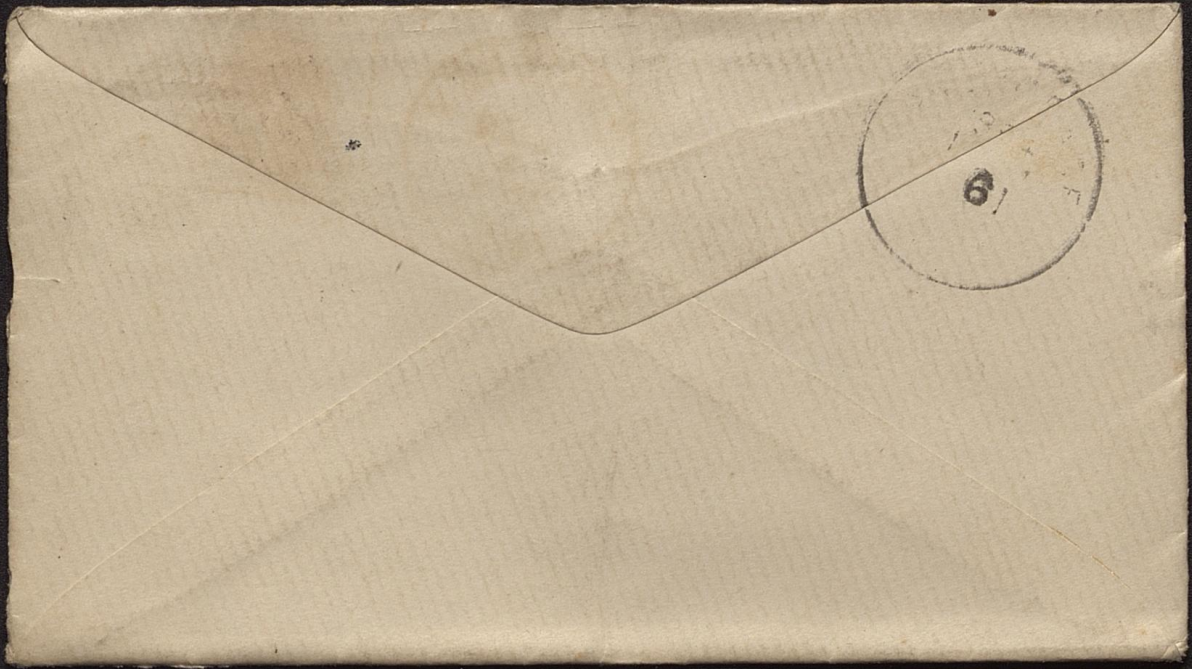
Young in Christ: R. G. Adams

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Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
Ky.



Corydon, Ky., May 15, 1894.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I wrote you about two weeks ago, but as yet have received no reply. Perhaps you failed to get my letter, or were away from home, or sick.

Since writing you before I have collected on Synod's \$2500.00 debt, \$2.50 from Corydon. Please to credit Church with same and charge to me. This leaves a balance of 10^{00} due for April salary according to our agreement. It will be hard for me to live on \$12.50 per month from the Committee and what I get from churches. I want to see Synod's debt paid, however, and shall do all in my power to get my churches to pay their proportional part.

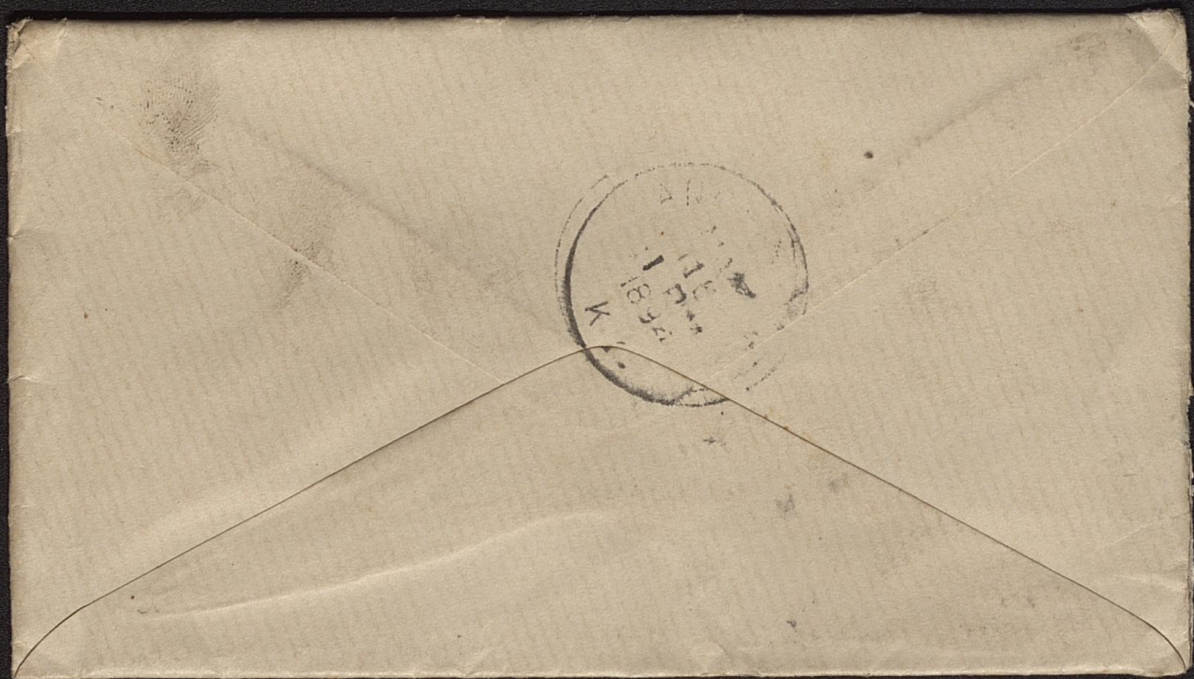
Last Sabbath we had communion here (Corydon), and received two persons into the Church by letter.

Hoping to hear from you at once,
I remain, Your Brother in Christ,
R. H. Adams.

Ans'd May 17-94



Dr. E. Ch. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
Kentucky



Corydon, Ky., May 22, 1894.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of 17th. inst. enclosing check for ten dollars was duly received. You will find enclosed receipt for \$12.50.

I do not think you have been "rightly informed" as to the ability of my field to support a minister.

Two of my churches are doing all they can well do in the way of support, at any rate about all that they can be expected to do. I refer to Corydon and Sturgis. Corydon with Smith's Mills, five miles west of Corydon, will pay about \$140.00. This is double what C. paid before I came to the field. Most of the members in the C. church are ladies. The husbands of some of these ladies are Campbellites. As for Sturgis I do not know what it will be able to do this year.

Heretofore it has paid the pastor about \$75.00 or \$80.00. I know this that the church there is supported principally by two families, these being

the only families in our church there owning their property, the others living in rented property.

As for Ridgewood possibly it could do better. Last year's subscription was \$25⁰⁰, of which amount they still owe about \$16⁰⁰. Some of our most substantial members there have removed to Henderson since I took charge of the church.

Dr. B. S. Read and family, Mr. Chas. Clay and wife, Mr. Sam. Conaway and family, Mrs. Sallie Green, Mr. John Basket, now lives within two miles of Henderson, nine miles from Ridgewood, and his son Mr. Lee Basket and family, now live four miles from H. and seven miles from Ridgewood. Mr. John Basket's wife has taken her letter from the Bowling Green Church and united with the Second Church, Henderson. In these families there are fourteen members of the R. Church, all of whom except four have united with the churches of H. Ridgewood never has paid much toward the support of a minister, and I do not think they can be induced to increase

their subscriptions a great deal.

I have labored hard among these people to show them their duty in this regard but have not succeeded as well as with the Cozydon church.

We ^{will} have sixty six members at R.

I have been figuring out what the three churches could possibly give toward the support of a pastor with the following result:

Cozydon and Smith's Mills,	\$150.00
Sturgis, (possibly),	\$125.00
Ridgewood, (ability \$800.00) will give (possibly),	200.00
Total for three churches,	\$475.00

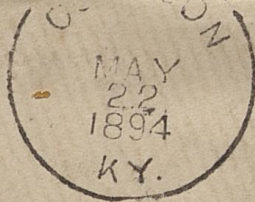
I am pretty well acquainted with the circumstances of my people with the exception of Sturgis, and think \$475.00 a high estimate. Of this amount the preacher would have to pay his house rent and travelling expenses. This is the present condition of affairs.

The Uniontown church will be vacant after June 1. Perhaps I can supply this church for the present. Formerly the Uniontown church belonged to the Ridgewood and Cozydon group.

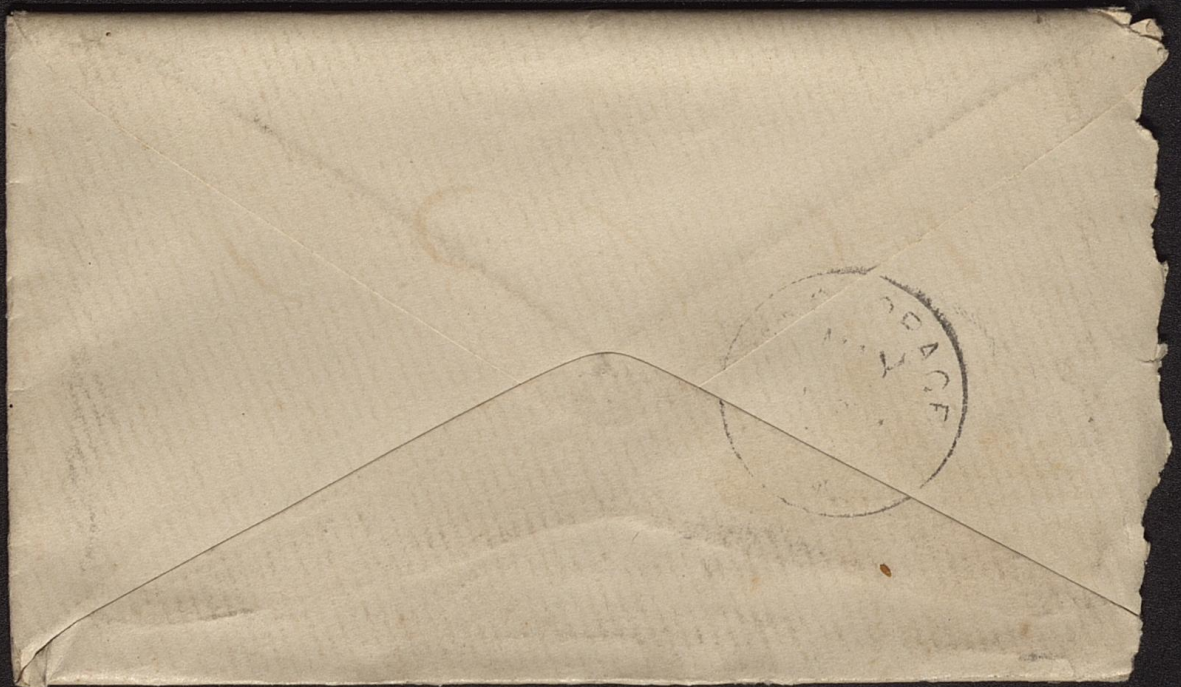
Yours in the Master's work,
R. H. Adams.

May 22, 1894

Corydon



Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
Ky.



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Marion, Ky., Jan. 2, 1893.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,

Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of Dec.
30, enclosing check for Dec.
salary from Ex. Com. received
and receipt-mailed.

As to the meeting at Madisonville
there are several reasons why
I do not want to begin there
before the last of the month.
Earlier will not suit the people
there, I can get Bro. Wiley to
assist them but not before, this
time will interfere less with
my other work, and Sam Jones

expects to hold a meeting at
Hopkinsville the first of this
month, which will take
away quite a number of the
people of Madisonville.

I am very anxious that the
meeting at Madisonville be
a good one, and I think it
best to fix a time when every
thing will be most favorable.
I have decided on Wednesday
before the fifth Sunday in
this month which will be
the 25th. Pray for a mighty
work of grace in Madisonville.

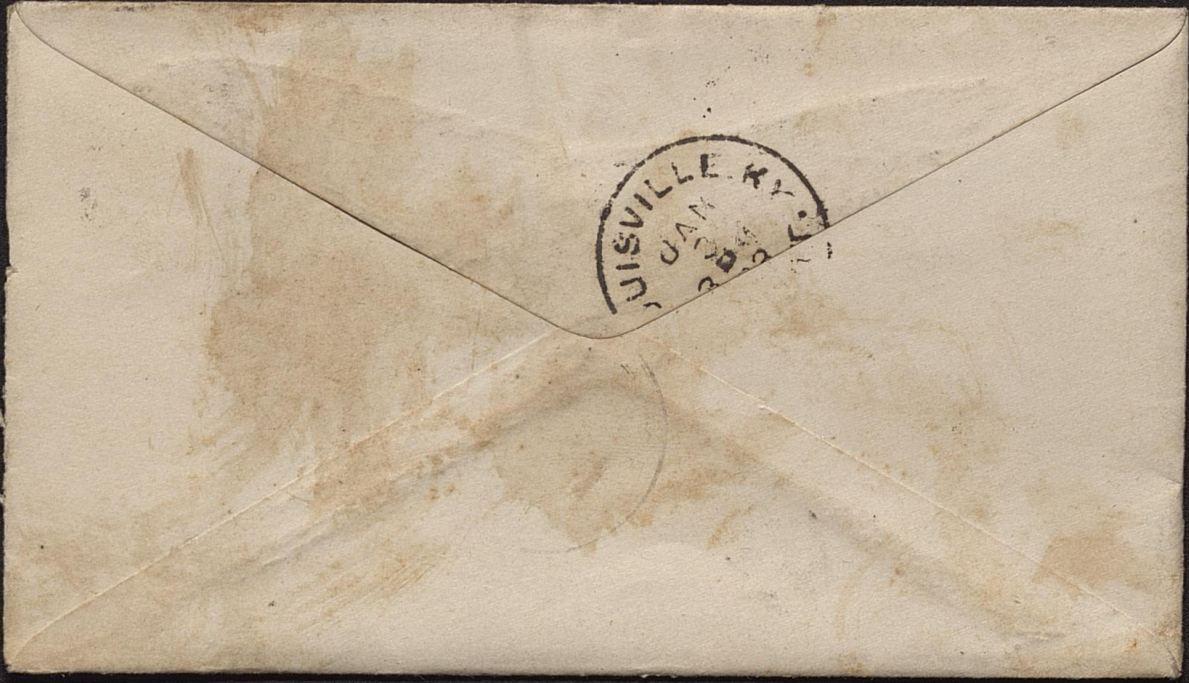
Yours in Christ,
R. H. Adams.

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Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
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Marion, Ky., August 2, 1893.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of recent
date enclosing check for \$6.25 - balance
of salary for June, came to hand
today. Many thanks.

Enclosed you will find receipt.

Your Brother in Christ,
R. H. Adams.

Aug. 2, 1893



Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage
Kentucky



Cedar Lake

Marion, Ky., December 29, 1893.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Your of December 14th. came to hand while I was at Ridgewood. I sent you receipt for check. I feel somewhat discouraged sometimes. I do not see the results that I long for. I conducted a protracted meeting at Ridgewood in October. Expected to have Brother Helms or Brother Kellen with^{me}, but it turned out that neither could come. When I found that neither of these brethren could come I went to Henderson to try to get some one, but failed. I preached for nine days, had good congregations, a considerable degree of interest, but no professions or additions. My field is a peculiar one. At Corydon I have to

contend with the Campbellites and
the Sanctification Cranks, at Ridge-
wood, with the Thomasites, Mormons,
and every other kind of false doctrine.
I am doing all I can to break the
power of these things, by God's
grace, and I hope the truth and
the gospel will eventually triumph,
but it looks pretty dark sometimes.
Brother Wiley has made an appoint-
ment for Marion next first Sunday
— his usual day at Sturgis —, and
I suppose I shall preach at Sturgis
the first Sunday in next month, and
at Madisonville on the fourth
Sunday.

I hope you will send me my salary
for November and December, as I
have some debts that must be
paid Jan. 1st. My churches pay
so little that I can not get along
without it.

Yours in the service of the Master,
R. L. Adams.

Dec. 29, 1893



Dr. E. P. Bedinger
Anchorage
Kentucky

Marion, Ky., March 27, '93.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Please to send me
check for March salary — \$22.50
My subscription to Evangelistic
Work, \$5.00. Paid in February \$2.50;
March, \$2.50. I shall send you
quarterly report in a few days.
\$25.00 for March less \$2.50 my subscrip-
tion — \$22.50.

Yours in Christ,
R. H. Adams.



Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
Kentucky



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Marion, Ky., Feb. 28, 1893.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 23rd. inst. received. I have just returned from Ridgewood where I have been for eleven days. I had very good congregations on the third and fourth Sundays, taking into consideration the miserable condition of the roads. Last Sunday night I preached at Spottsville - a mile from Ridgewood, and where some of our members live. The largest congregation that I have ever had anywhere came out to hear the Gospel.

The February salary from Evangelistic League is twenty-two dollars and fifty cents - $\$25.00 - \$2.50 = \$22.50$.

My subscription to Evang.
Work is ^{\$}5.00, ^{\$}2.50 to be paid
in Feb. and ^{\$}2.50 in March.

Please to send check for \$22.50

Yours Fraturnally,
R. H. Adams.

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R. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
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Marion, Ky., July 29, 1893.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I returned from
Ridgewood last Monday night.
On account of rain we had no
service on the third Sunday morn-
ing. Last Sunday - morning and
night - we had large congrega-
tions, the largest we have ever
had there. On Friday and
Saturday nights before the fourth
Sunday we had ~~services~~ ^{services} pre-
paratory and on last Sunday
we had communion.

I collected \$3.75 more for Evangel-
istic Work last Sunday.

Ridgewood Church now stands
thus:

Previously collected and reported \$12.45.

Collected July 23, \$3.75-

Total collected from Ridgewood,
\$12.45 + \$3.75 = \$16.20.

Bal. Ridgewood Appropriation due,
\$25.00 - \$16.20 = \$8.80.

I think I shall collect-balance
next month

My salary for June and July
stands thus: June salary, \$25.00
collected for Evang. Work, 5.00

Bal. due me for June, \$20.00

Salary for July, \$25.00

Collected for Evang. Work 3.75-

Bal. due me for July, \$21.25-

Total bal. due me July 31, '93, \$41.25-

Of course I should like to have
this money, but suppose I shall
be compelled to wait, as there is
probably no money in the treasury.

I think of beginning a meeting
at Madisonville in September.

Please to let me know at once
whether you can let me have
any money or not-

Yours in Christ, R. A. Adams

Marion, Ky., Sept. 20, 1893.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

You will find a report of the meeting at Madisonville in the "Christian Observer."

I think we should have had a much better meeting there had all our own membership favored it. Our Elder and his family, the leading members in our little band, manifested but little interest, and positively voted to discontinue the meeting after last Sunday night. It was a great disappointment to Bro. Patton and myself that the meeting did not go on. The Holy Spirit was evidently at work among the

people. Take it all in all
I think much good was
accomplished. Bro. Patton
will add his testimony to
what I have said. The difficul-
ties with which we had to
contend were many and
peculiar. I yet hope for good
results. I hope to have a
meeting at Ridgewood next
month. Pray for us.
Yours in Christ,
R. H. Adams.

Sept 20, 1893



Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
Ky.

Report for Second Quarter
Ending March 31, 1893.

No. Sermons Preached,	24
Pastoral Visits,	52
No. Mi. Travelled,	
By Rail,	964
On Foot	56
By Buggy	14
On Horseback	6
Total Miles travelled,	1040
Money Paid by Churches on Pastor's Salary	\$55.92

Ridgewood Sunday school went into winter quarters Christmas. They will organize again in a few weeks, possibly the first of April. Longdon Sunday school disbanded a month ago, the number in attendance not being sufficient to maintain a school. The school at Madisoville has been kept up through the winter.

At our communion service last Sunday at Ridgewood, we had our accession

to the church, - a lady coming to
us from the Baptist Church.
We had a good meeting. Also a very
precious meeting Wednesday night
before at the house of one of our
Elders. A dozen or more of the
neighbors came in. - A prayer and
praise service together with a brief
discourse on the Lord's prayer.

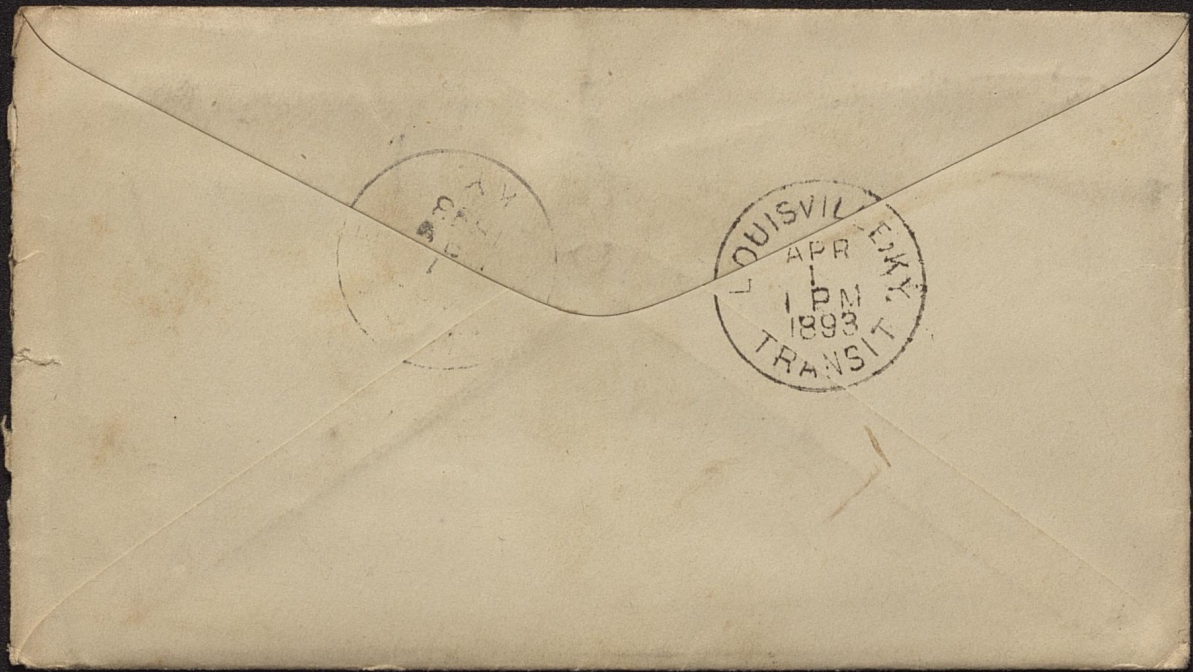
Yours in Christ,
R. H. Adams

March 31, 1893

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Rev. E. W. Bedinger,
Nicholson,
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Marion, Ky., Jan. 31, 1893.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Since the last report
the following amounts have been
collected for Evangelistic Work:

Corydon Church,	\$3.27
Ridgewood ..	1.00
Total	\$4.27

Corydon has now paid her apporportionment in full. Ridgewood has paid in all \$4.45.

The amount due me, for January, from Synod's Com. is \$25.00 less \$4.27 which is \$20.73.

Enclosed you will find my individual pledge for \$5.00 to Evangelistic Work of Ky., to be paid Feb. 28, and Mar. 31, \$2.50 respectively.

Uncle Jos. Hopper has been writing

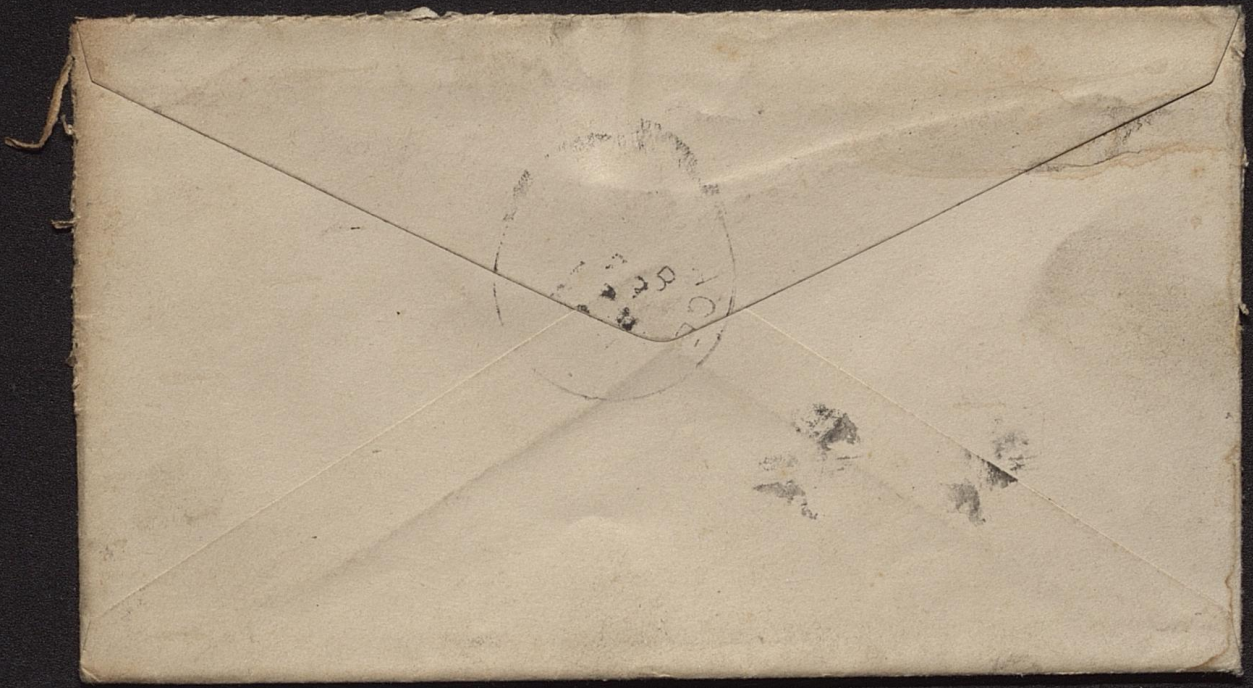
me about the Chimney and Midway
churches, Ind., and urging me to
go there. From what he says
our prospects there are very
encouraging. If I can do better
service for Christ there than where
I am now, I should like to go.
Would the Evangelistic Com. be
able to assist the people there in
the support of a pastor? The two
churches will pay about \$400.
I dislike, however, to give up my
present field, for, I think, I am
now just beginning to get a hold
on the people in, at least, two of
my churches. Yet, I should like
to have a more fruitful ministry,
that is, I should like to see the
work of the Lord prospering more
abundantly in my hands.

Yours in Christ's work,
R. H. Adams.

Ans'd Feb 23. '93



Mr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
Ky.



Marion, Ky., January 10, 1893.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I received a letter yesterday from Dr. W. S. Ross, Madisonville, stating that the members there were opposed to holding a meeting this month. On account of the weather, they think the attendance would be very small. The last meeting they had was in January and the congregations were very slim. They suggest May or June as the best months for a successful meeting. They have crowded houses, they say, during these months. Perhaps it would be best to wait till then. I preached at Corydon last Sunday and notwithstanding the severity of the weather, we had good congregations.

Yours in Christ, R. H. Adams.

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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
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Marion, Ky., May 29, 1893.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Please to remit salary
for May \$25⁰⁰. I have just
returned from Ridgewood and
Madisonville. Have been away
from home ten days.

Yours in Christ,
R. H. Adams.

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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
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Marion, Ky., December 8, 1893.
Dr. E. H. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I wrote you some time ago with reference to a change in my work, but as yet I have not heard from you. I suggested that I give the Condon field - including Smith's Mills - two Sundays in the month, and Ridgewood one Sunday, for a while at least. I also stated the reasons why I thought this change would be advisable.

It is likely that the Sturgis Church will be vacant the first of January, as the Marion Church will doubtless employ Bro. Wiley for all his time. If this is the case, I should like to have the Sturgis Church instead of Madisonville.

Then my work ⁽²⁾ would be entirely
in the Paducah Presbytery.

Since June last the Madison-
ville Church has just been
paying my expenses.

Ridgewood will build a new
house of worship in the early
Spring. I trust that it will
then take a new start.

We have almost every form of
heresy and false doctrine to contend
with at Ridgewood. Mormonism,
Thomasitism, Catholicism, skepticism,
infidelity and agnosticism.

I am compelled to do the best preach-
ing of which I am capable there,
and I am encouraged to believe
that my labors are not in vain
in the Lord.

As to what my field will do
for the Evangelistic Work, I think
I can promise you the full appor-
tionment at Ridgewood, the full
amount at Corydon and it maybe
a little more. Of the apporportionments

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I have collected from Longdon Church \$3.70, and shall get balance next Sunday. So you may credit Longdon with \$5.00, and Ridgewood with \$1.94. Total amount, \$6.94.

If you can pay me any part of my salary for this quarter I would be very thankful.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
I am,

Yours in Christ's Service,
R. H. Adams.

I can promise nothing for Evang.
Work from Madisonville.

Yours,
R. H. A.

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Marion, Ky., Nov. 15, 1893.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed you will find receipt for last money sent me. All salary is now paid up to October 1st.

I was at Corydon last Sabbath and took up a collection for Evangelistic Work, — \$3.70. I shall take up another at my next appointment there — second Sabbath in December.

Last Sunday night, I preached at Smith's Mills, five miles from Corydon. I preached in the Baptist Church to a congregation of nearly five hundred people. We have four members of the Corydon Church living at Smith's Mills. They would like to have preaching there once a month. The Baptists have offered

us, the use of the Church. It is a
thickly settled community and most
of the people are farmers. They go
to church, appreciate the gospel, and
especially Presbyterian preaching.

We might do a vast amount of good
there, and secure some members for
the Loydon Church. Besides, from
twenty-five to forty dollars annually
are given by this people to the
support of the Loydon Church.

I have been thinking that, perhaps,
it would be wise, for a while at least,
to give the Loydon Church or field
more of my time. Instead of giving
Ridgewood two Sundays in every
month, give Ridgewood one, and
Loydon two. This might stimulate
Ridgewood to greater effort. They have
had their own way for a long time,
so long in fact, that I believe they
think they will have the gospel
anyway whether they contribute any-
thing to its support or not. What do you
think of the change?

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Cozydon gives about twenty five dollars
more to my support than Ridgewood.
Of course, I want to do what is
best for our Lord and Master and
for the advancement of his cause
and our church, and I do think
the following apportionment of time
would be best, for a time, at any
rate.

1. Madisonville, 1st. Sunday,
2. Cozydon, 2d. ..
3. Cozydon, or Smith's Mills, 3rd. Sunday,
4. Ridgewood, 4th. Sunday.

Yours in Christ,
R. H. Adams.

R. H. Adams Letters Nov-15 + Dec 8 -
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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
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Spottsville, Ky., Sept. 19, 1892.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Yesterday I
succeeded in raising the balance
of Ridgewood's Apportionment
for the Evangelistic Work and
a little more.

Reported between June 8, and
August-8, 1892.

Ridgewood,	\$ 6.32
" August-30,	2.40
" Sept: 19,	<u>17.30</u>
	\$ 26.02

I may get a little more during
the week. Of this amount-

I gave five dollars. I wanted to make an individual contribution of five dollars, over and above Ridgewood's apportionment, but - I feared that I should not succeed in getting the full amount - so I decided to help the church out - that - much.

The whole matter stands thus to date,

Ridgewood,	\$ 26.02
Corydon,	5.00
Madisonville,	6.30
	<u>\$ 37.32</u>
Bal. due from Madisonville,	8.70
	<u>\$ 46.02</u>

Total apportionment; Coopersdon,
Ridgewood and Madisonville, \$45.00

I should be very glad, indeed,
to have some literature with
reference to the Evangelistic
Work in Ky. for distribution.
Addresses, statements, appeals,
etc. The people need to be
made familiar with the
facts.

We had large and attentive
congregations yesterday.

I want to have a protracted
service here next month, if pos-
sible. I should like to have
Bro. L. O. Spencer to help me
if he can be had.

The great sin of this church
is its stingy ways, - avarice.

I pray that God's Spirit
may open their eyes to see
their sin and lead them to
repentance.

The following is the amount
subscribed to pastor's salary,
by each church;

Corydon, \$106.40

Madisonville, 60.00

Ridgewood 125.00

Total, \$291.40

So far Madisonville and
Corydon have paid consider-
ably more than subscribed,
Corydon at the rate of \$150.00

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and Madisonville at the rate
of \$80⁰⁰ per annum.

About the 30th. of this month
I shall send in a full
report of my work for this
quarter. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
R. H. Adams.

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Marion, Ky., November 30, 1892.
Dr. E. W. Pedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I received the circulars and blank pledges about a week before going to Ridgewood. I distributed them there on the third Sabbath, intending to take up a collection on last Sabbath, but it was so stormy last Sabbath that we had no service in the morning, and there were very few out at the night service. Enough has been determined, however, to insure the collection of the usual amount apportioned to this church. I shall take up a collection next month. Corydon will pay as much as last year and, perhaps, more.

I should be glad to have my salary for this month if you can conveniently pay it.

Yours in Christ, R. H. Adams.

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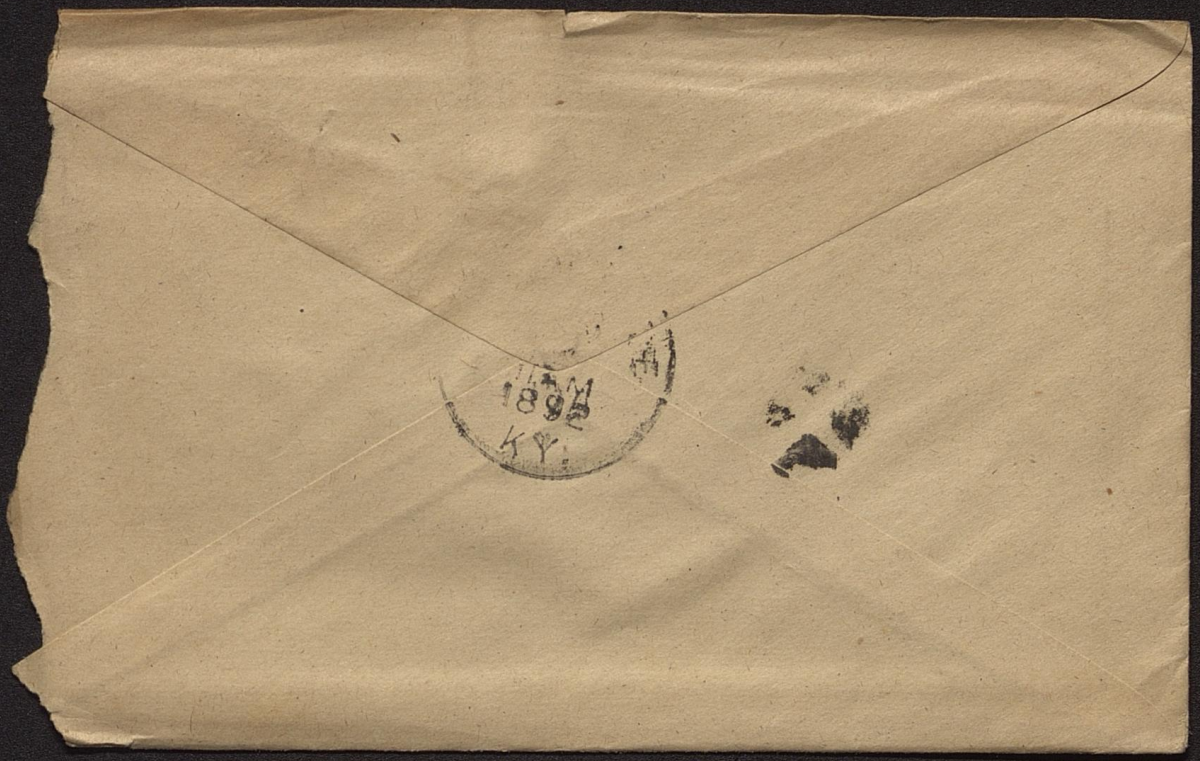
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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
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Marion, Ky., May 31, 1892.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of recent date
came to hand last week.

Three hundred and fifty dollars, the
amount allowed me by the Committee,
is fifty dollars less than I expected,
but I trust it will be sufficient.

I do not yet know what the churches
will be able to give, but I am not
at all discouraged. I know the Lord
will provide. Before entering the
Summary I had fears that I should
suffer for means to support myself
and family, but the Lord blessed me
even beyond my expectation.

I began my work last Sunday a week
ago, - May 22, - at Ridgewood.

Last Sunday I preached at
Corydon. At night I preached a
missionary sermon. Had good con-
gregations both morning and
night. Our church at Corydon
organized a Sunday school last
September which they have kept
alive till this time. They are very
much discouraged however,
I told them that since they had
carried it through the winter, not
by any means, to abandon it now.
Corydon would be the best place
for me to locate, I suppose, but
I can not get a house there.
I may be able to get a house in
the fall. For the present I shall
remain here - Marion. I might go
to Henderson, but would be com-
pelled to pay rent at the rates of
fifteen or twenty dollars a month.
I shall be in the field, however, more
than half of my time. I shall be
at Ridgewood ten days of every month,
at Corydon from three to seven days,
and at Madisonville three or four days.

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Would it be possible for you to advance me a little money? I am anxious to go to housekeeping at once. I have been spending money for the last two years and making little, as you know. To use a slang phrase, I am "strapped."

Brothers Caldwell and Hopper are holding a meeting at this place. They are doing earnest work and I trust that their labors will be blessed.

I hope to have them hold a meeting for me in the Fall.

Any suggestion that you may make with reference to my work will be kindly taken.

Yours Fraternally,
R. H. Adams.

Rev R. H Adams
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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
Kentucky

Marion, Ky., July 5, 1892.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother;

Enclosed you will find
report of my work from the time I began
to close of quarter, June 30.

I was at Madisonville yesterday. Dr. Ross
understood from your circular that the
fifteen dollars apportioned the Madisonville
Church was the quarterly portion of my
salary. You will perhaps remember that
they promised about fifty or sixty dollars.

I told him that their apportionment, \$15,
had nothing to do with my salary; that
it was an entirely different matter.

However, to satisfy him I told him that
I would write to you about the matter.
Am I not right?

Yours Fraternaly, R. H. Adams.

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Marion, Ky., Dec. 27, 1892.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed you will find
report of my work for Quarter ending
Dec. 31, 1892.

December salary is entitled to the fol-
lowing credits: Ridgewood Church, \$3.07,
Ridgewood S. S., \$3.38. Total Ridgewood, \$6.45;
Cosydon, \$1.73. Total amt. collected to date,
\$8.18.

Brother Sweets cannot assist me at
Madisonville at a time when it will
suit me and the people of Madisonville.
It may be that I can get Br. Wiley in
February.

Yours Fraternaly,
R. H. Adams.

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\$16.82

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Quarterly Report

First-Quarter of Synodical Year.

Beginning October 1, 1892.

Corydon, Madisonville and Ridgewood Churches.

No. Sermons Preached,	28
Sunday Schools Conducted	4
" Sunday School Classes Taught,	8
" Sacrament of Lord's Supper Administered	1
" Accessions to Church on profession of faith	1
" Visits	30
" Times Read Scriptures and Prayed with Families,	15-
" Tracts and books distributed	10
Money collected for Evang. Work of Ky.	\$8.18
Pastor's Salary paid me by Churches,	\$78.21
Paid me by Evangelistic Committee,	50.00
Presbyterial Dues paid by Ridgewood	^{\$2.00}
Corydon ^{\$1.00}	Total for Pres. Dues, \$3.00
No. Miles travelled by rail,	1361
" " " " buggy,	40
" " " " On horseback,	4
" " " " foot,	65
Total No. miles travelled,	= 1470

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Average No. Persons attending church
at each service, 125-

There have been several stormy days
and nights in this Quarter when it was
impossible to have any service.

I have gone to all my appointments
but November at Ridgewood I held a
week's meeting previous to Communion
service.

Interesting Sunday Schools in all the
churches.
No. pupils in all the schools, 140.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Manion, Ky.,
Dec. 27, 1923

R. H. Adams

Report Rev R H Ad
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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
Kentucky

Marion, Ky., December 6, 1892.
Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 2d. inst., enclosing check for twenty-five dollars, I found awaiting me on my return from Madisonville yesterday. Thanks.

For some time I have been intending to write you about Madisonville. Our prospect there is very discouraging. I have been trying to get at the causes of the trouble. On my second visit I saw that there was something wrong. My judgment then has been confirmed by further investigation.

There seems to be a combination of circumstances operating against us.

1. A want of spirituality in the town and community and especially among the members of the various churches. This is evidenced by the vast amount of worldliness existing

there. The people, generally, are not of the church-going kind. Larger congregations are found about the hotels, depot, and on the street-corners than in the churches.

2. The Campbellites hold the fort. They lead in numbers and in wealth.

3. Sectarianism. I know of no place where there is more bigotry, which, of course, means that there is little religious vitality among the people.

4. Ignorance of Presbyterianism, misunderstanding, misrepresentation, prejudice. The prejudices of some are so strong that they will not come to hear our ministers preach.

Many such expressions as, "Whatever is to be, will be, whether it comes to pass or not," "Infants in hell not a span long," and other such absurdities, are frequently heard. One of our own brethren innocently inquired of me, the other day, if the expression, "Infants in hell not a span long," was not at one time in our "Confession of Faith."

5. A want of harmony among our own members. Some of them scarcely speak to each other when they meet on the street. Our membership there is so small that it is all the more important that the

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membership should be a unit.

6. Our people and the Northern Methodists carry on a Sunday-school together, and the Northern Methodists use our house of worship. About all our members are Republicans, politically, and while this state of affairs ought not to make any difference, yet I am satisfied that it does.

Now as to the remedy. How shall we meet these difficulties? I preach at Madisonville on the first Sabbath in each month. On the same day there is service in the other churches. Consequently, our congregations are very small. I have tried to make some other arrangement but can not do so. Two or three times when there happened to be no service in some of the other churches, and in October when I preached for them on the fifth Sunday, we had very good congregations. I have done the very best preaching for them of which I am capable, but beyond a few cheap compliments, I have seen no results.

I scarcely know what to suggest. Perhaps a protracted service would be helpful.

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It might be just the thing. The people
have been in a measure spoiled by
such sensational evangelists as
Dixie Williams and others. I do not
think anything could be accomplished
in ten days or two weeks. An evangelist
would scarcely get the people out to hear
him in that time. Once out, however,
a first-rate man, a man who can
preach Presbyterianism, or in other words
interesting, clear and forceful doctrinal
sermons, I believe much of the prejudice
would vanish. The man who under-
takes the meeting, however, must come
with the intention of continuing the
meeting at least three weeks, possibly
four. A good singer, like Bro. Hopper,
or J. T. Elden would be a great help
to the meeting. I should like to try the
experiment of such a meeting there,
say in January. Something should be
done and that very soon. We have a
nice little church building and it seems
a pity to abandon the work there.
If the Com. can not see their way clear to give me
some help in a meeting there I shall undertake
it myself, but I greatly prefer to have the help,
as I am young in the cause. I have prayed
especially for Madisonville, and I trust that
the Lord will send us a shower of divine
grace. Yours in Christ, R. H. Adams

Rev R H Adams
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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
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Dear Brother:

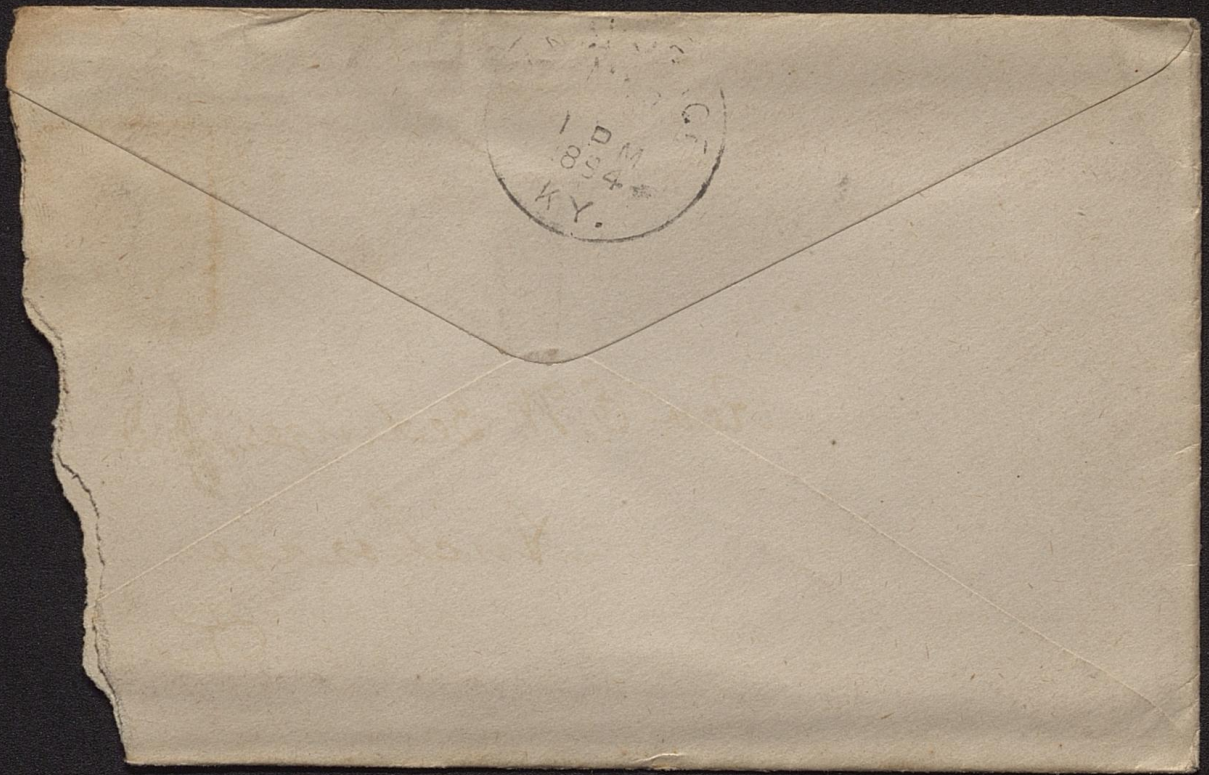
Above received today. We go to London tomorrow. Please to address me there in the future. Many thanks for your kindness.

Yours Fraturnally
R. H. Adams.

Mar 5, 1894



Dr. E. W. Beding
Anchorage



Corydon, Ky., April 10, '94.
Dr. E. M. Redinger,
Anchorage, Ky.
Dear Brother:

Enclosed
you will find check for
\$25.00 which you gave me
at Fulton. When I came
home I found a check
for same amount and
same month which was
sent me in my absence.

Many thanks. I greatly
appreciate your kindness
in sending me this money
notwithstanding the straitened
condition of the Committee's
treasury.

I found the church
building here, on my
reaching home, looking
as clean and pretty
as a new silver dollar
from a good coat of
paint-given it during
my absence.

May the Lord bless you
and your great work and
may He send the people
a refreshing from on
high.

Yours in the Master's service,
R. H. Adams

P.S. Please to send me receipt
for \$5⁰⁰ from Sturgis handed
you at Presby.

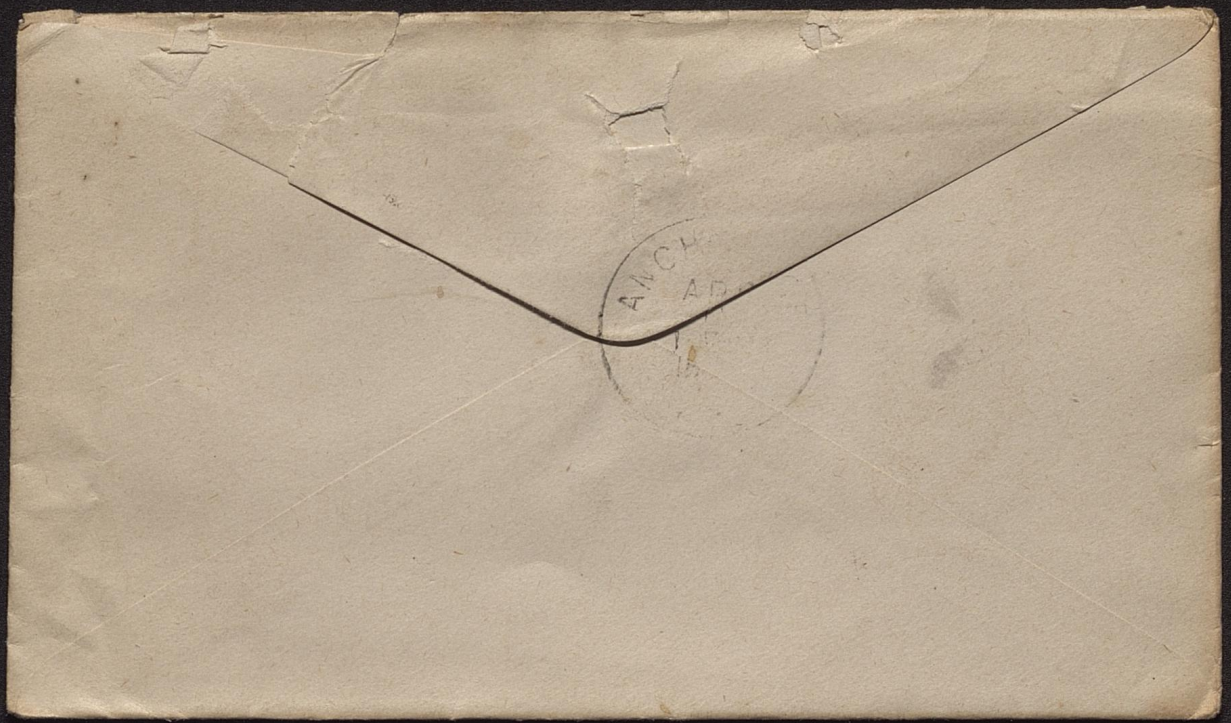
Yours, R. H. A.

Apr. 10, 1894

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Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage,
Ky.



Corydon, Ky., Sept. 7, '94.
Received of Dr. E. W.

Bedinger Twelve Dollars
and Fifty Cents - \$12.50 -
salary from Synod's
Committee of Evangelistic
Labor, for the month of
August, 1894. Received
as follows: Collected
from Sturgis Church for
Evangelistic Work, \$3.50;
from Ridgewood Church,
\$5.00; from Dr. E. W.

Bedinger, Chairman and
Treasurer, Committee of Evang-
elistic Work, check for
\$4.00; total \$12.50.

R. H. Adams

*Premises
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Sept. 7, 1894

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*Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
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Marion, Ky., Jan. 1, 1894.

Report for Quarter ending Dec. 31, '93.

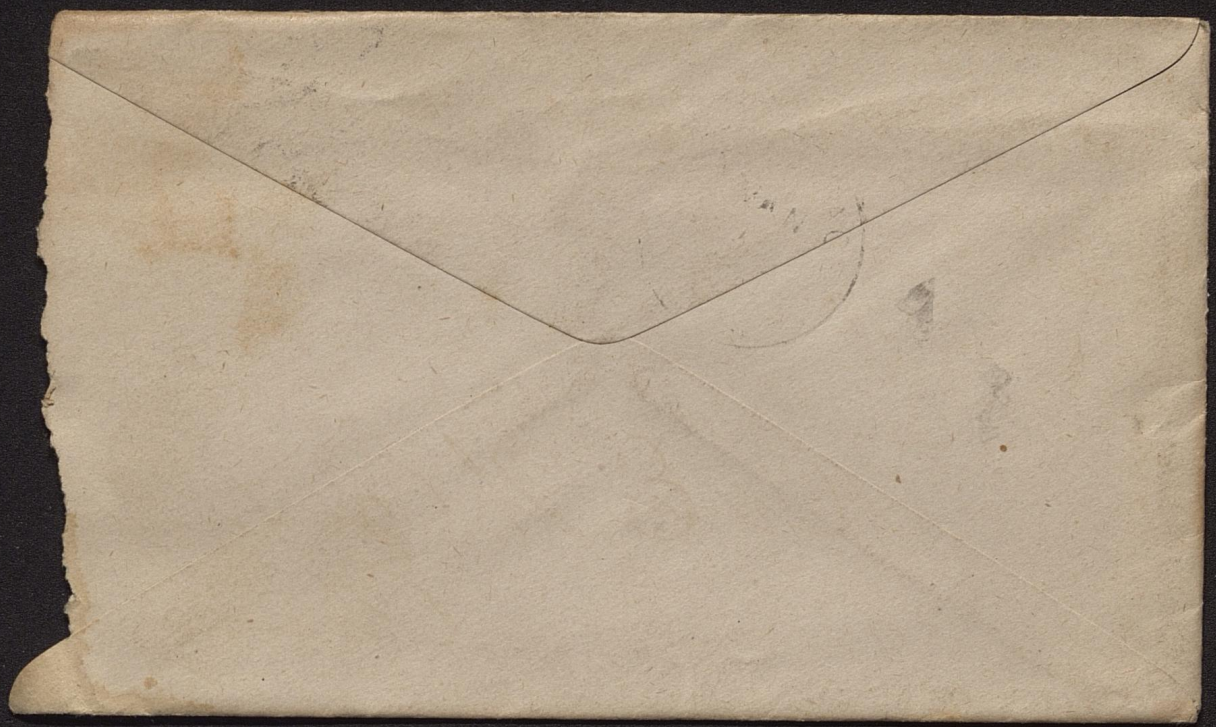
No. of Visits		47
Sermons preached		31
Miles travelled		
By rail	1423	
By buggy	84	
On foot	<u>47</u>	
Total =	1554	1554
Salary paid me by churches,		\$44.45
" " " by Evang. Socy,		
October salary		\$25.00
Money collected for Evang. Work:		
Ridge wood,	\$1.94	
London,	<u>5.00</u>	
Total,	\$6.94	

Yours Fraternaly,
R. H. Adams.

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Am E. H. Bedinger,
Anchorage
Kentucky



Marion, Ky., Feb. 27, 1894.
Dr. E. H. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I expect to remove to Corydon next week. Taking all things into consideration I think this is best. I can save four dollars a month in travelling expenses, I shall be with one of my churches and within five miles of another - Smith's Mills. The Corydon people have offered to pay my moving expenses, and say they can do more for me if I live among them. Of course it is uncertain whether the Com. will be able to give me any aid after the first of April next, but I might as well be at Corydon as anywhere else, if it comes to that. I think there is a prospect of doing a good work at Smith's Mills. I preached at

Ridgewood last Sunday. It was a very stormy day and few came out. A collection for Evangelistic Work was taken and \$3.00 contributed. This with \$1.94 previously contributed makes \$4.94. I will add \$1.06 which will make it \$6.00 in all. The Ridgewood people are slow about everything and especially money matters. I hope to bring up the amount to \$12.50 by the 15th of next month. The entire amount of their apportionment - \$25.00 - will be raised, but it may be the close of the Synodical year before it is all paid in. We raised it last year and the year before, and it shall be raised this year. If possible, please to pay me salary for January and February. I want to straighten up here before leaving, and can not do it unless I get this money. The last of this month there will be due me \$50.00 less \$4.06 = \$45.94. This amount will pay everything I owe here and save my name. Yours in the Master's service,
R. H. Adams.

Ans'd + ck sent Mar 1. 94

Feb. 27, 1894

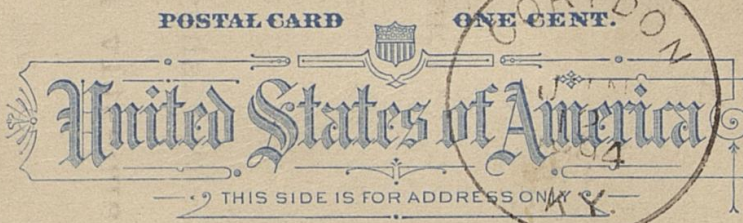


Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Anchorage
Ky.

Corydon, Ky, June 12, 1894.
Received of Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents
— \$12.50 — salary from Synod
for the month of May, 1894.
Rev. R. H. Adams

POSTAL CARD

ONE CENT.



CORYDON
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Rev. E. W. BEDINGER, Chairman,

ANCHORAGE, KY.

Corydon, Ky., Aug. 9. 1894.
Received of Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Twelve Dollars and Fifty cents
— \$12.50 — salary for July,
1894. REV. R. H. ADAMS.



Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
Ky.

\$25.00

Corydon, Ky., April 10, '94.

Received of Dr. E. W.
Bedinger, Treasurer, Synod
Evang. Cong., Twenty-five
Dollars, salary for
March, 1894.
R. H. Adams

Louisville, Ky. Sep 4th 1894 No. 8

THE FARMERS AND DROVERS BANK

Pay to

Rev. R. H. Adams

or order \$ 4.⁰⁰

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Dollars

Balance of salary for the month of Aug. '94 -

E. W. Bedinger Treas.

\$3.50 col by Rev. R. H. A. from August

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Rev. R. H. Adams.
G. A. Quinn

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
HENDERSON NATIONAL BANK,
HENDERSON, KY.

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PAY CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
LOUISVILLE,
OR ORDER FOR ACCOUNT
HENDERSON NAT'L BANK,
HENDERSON, KY.
S. K. SNEED, CASHIER

LOUISVILLE CLEARING HOUSE
CITIZENS NAT'L BANK
SEP 22 1894
No. 10

Marion, N.Y., Nov. 15, 1893.

RECEIVED OF Dr. E. H. Bedinger,
Twenty-five Dollars

\$7.15 - collected from Ridgewood Church
for Evang. Work and \$17.85 = \$25.00 salary

from Synod's Com. for September, 1893

\$ 25.00

R. H. Adams.

Louisville, Ky. Nov. 4th 1893 N^o 322

THE FARMERS AND DROVERS BANK

Pay to

Rev. R. H. Adams

or order \$17⁸⁵/₁₀₀

Seventeen and ⁸⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars

Balance Salary from
Synod for the year
ending Oct. 1-1893

E. W. Bedinger Treas-

Rev. R. H. Adams

PAY BANK OF COMMERCE,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

or order, for collection, and credit
TO THE ACCOUNT OF

MARION BANK,
MARION, KY.

H. H. LOVING, Cashier.



Marion, Ky., December 23, 1893

RECEIVED OF Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Eighteen and $\frac{6}{100}$ and Six $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars

Total \$25.⁰⁰ Appropriation of Synod's
Conv. for month of October, 1893.

\$ 25.⁰⁰

Rev. R. H. Adams.

RECEIVED OF Marion, Ky., Jan. 3, 1894
Dr. E. H. Bedinger,
Twenty-five Dollars
Salary for November, 1893.
\$ 25.00 Rev. R. H. Adams,

Marion, Ky., Feb. 19, 1894.

RECEIVED OF Dr. E. W. Bedinger
Twenty-five — Dollars

Salary for December from
Synod's Evang. Com.

25.00

Rev. P. H. Adams.

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Marion, Ky., March 5, 1894.

Received of Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Chairman and Treasurer of the
Evangelistic Committee of the
Synod of Ky., Fifty Dollars,
salary for Jan. and Feb., 1894.
Rev. R. L. Adams.

Corydon, Ky; July 3, 1894.
Received of Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Twelve Dollars and fifty cents,
\$12.50 - salary, for June, 1894,
from Synod's Committee.
R. H. Adams.

\$12.50

Corydon, Ky. May 19, 1894.

Received of Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Twelve dollars and fifty cents,
— \$2.50 collected from Corydon Presby-
terian Church for Synod's Evangelistic
Work, and \$10.00 check from Synod's
Evangelistic Com. — making a total
of \$12.50 — salary from Evang. Com.
for the month of April, 1894.
Rev. R. H. Adams.

Corydon, Ky., Sept: 29, 1894.

Received from Dr. E. W.
Bedinger, Chairman and
Treasurer of Evangelistic
Committee of the Synod
of Ky., Twelve dollars
and fifty cents - \$12.50,
Salary from Synod's
Com. for the month of
September, 1894.

Received as follows:
Collected from Ridgewood
Church, \$12.50.
R. H. Adams.

Adams

Ridgewood - Apportionment	\$25.00
For Synod's debt;	6.25
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$31.25</u>

Credits: \$8.00 + \$5.00 = \$13.00	
Bal due,	13.00
	<u>\$18.25</u>

I received from Sturgis Church yesterday \$1.23. From Ridgewood, a week ago yesterday \$1.00. Total \$2.23. I think I shall be compelled to seek another field. I can not live on such a salary as this.

I should like very much to build the church at Ridgewood before I leave the field. I still trust that the Lord will make a way of escape, and that God's people will not suffer the work in Ky. to stop.

Yours in Christ's service,
R. H. Adams.

Corydon, Ky., Sept. 3, 1894.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Please to credit
Sturgis with \$3.50, and Ridgewood
with \$5.00 for Evangelistic Work and
charge same to me.

The accounts now stand thus:

Sturgis, apportionment,	\$10.00
Presbyterial apportionment for Synod's debt,	\$2.50
Total	\$12.50

Credits \$5.00 + \$4.00 + \$3.50 = 12.50.

Corydon - apportionment,	\$5.00
For Synod's debt,	\$2.50
Total	\$7.50

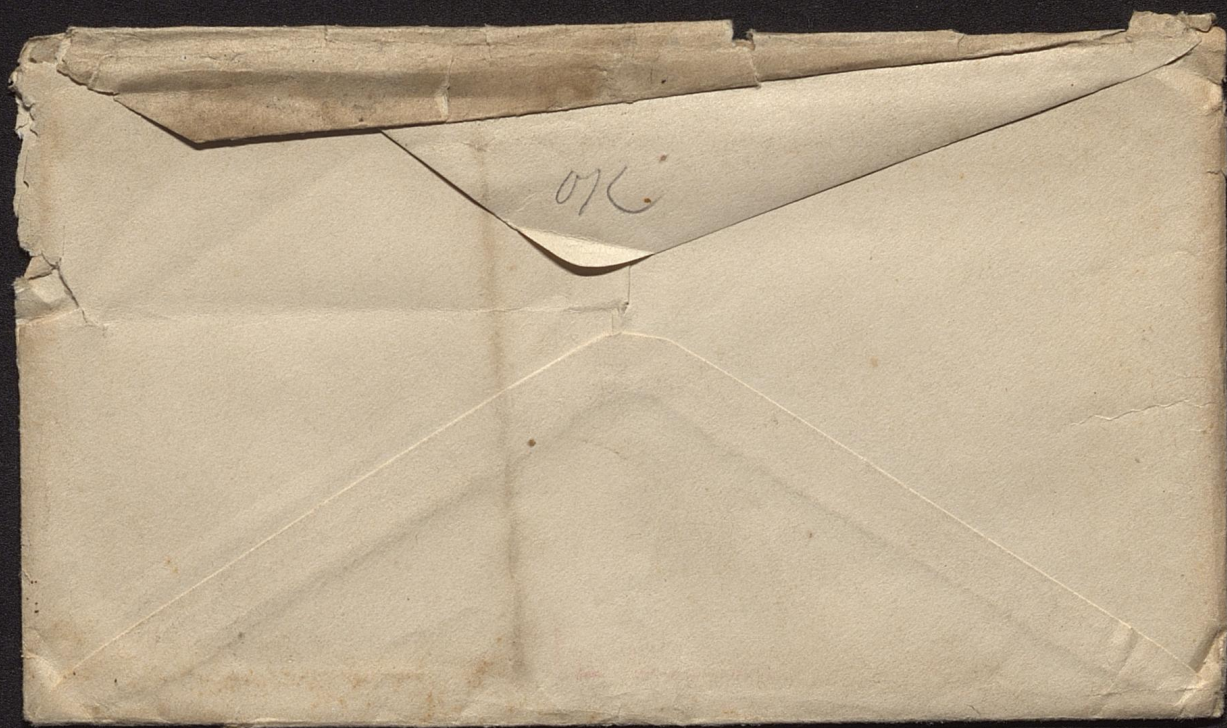
Credit - 7.50

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Croydon, Ky.

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Corydon, Ky., July 28, 1894.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger

Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed you will find receipt for June salary.

Hoped you can send me salary for July at once. I owe for two months rent which I must pay.

I preached at Ridgewood last Sunday to large congregations.

Money enough has been raised there to buy the lumber for new church. I now believe we shall succeed in getting a new house.

We expect to pray as we go.

Hard times and the continued drought in that section are against us, but the Lord has graciously moved upon the hearts of some of our people there, ~~and~~ and impressed ^{them} with a sense of their duty.

I. should be glad if you would
send me a good man in October
to help us at Sturgis.

Yours in Christ
R. H. Adams.

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Corydon, Ky., July 19, 1894.

Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Brother:

I do not remember whether I sent you a receipt for your salary or not. Please to let me know at once and I will receipt if I have not already done so. Would it be possible for the Com. to send Dr. Gurrant to Sturgis in October to hold a few days' meeting and dedicate our church there? I suggest October, thinking it might be arranged for him to stop there, either on his way to Synod or from Synod, with little expense to the Com.

I think I have entirely recovered

from my fall I was pretty
badly crippled for about three
weeks. The Lord be praised
for his goodness.

Yours Fraternaly,
R. H. Adams

Report - for Third Quarter, ending June 30, '94.

Preaching points:
Sturgis Union Co., 1st. Sunday in each month.
Corydon, Henderson Co., 2d. Sunday.
Smith's Mills, 3rd. Sunday.
Ridgewood, 4th Sunday.

No. Sermons preached during the quarter, 22
 No. Visits, 48

No. miles travelled:
 By rail, 509
 By buggy, 100
 On foot, 4
 Total = 613 ————— 613

Salary received:
 From Churches,
 Sturgis, \$8.00
 Smith's Mills, 5.60
 Ridgewood, 45.75
 Corydon, 25.50
 Total, \$84.85 ————— \$84.85

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Brought over,

Salary from Evang. Com. $\$37.50$
Grand Total, $\$122.35$

Received by letter into the Corydon Church two persons.

A Sunday-school was organized at Sturgis first Sunday in April. The school is growing in interest and numbers.

Corydon put shutters to their house and painted the house on outside. Cost, $\$52.50$.

The ladies of Ridgewood Church sent the pastor, in May, a barrel of groceries. Value, $\$12.00$.

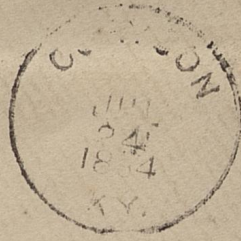
Several times rain prevented us from having services.

I had a fall in June which prevented me from preaching any more during the month.

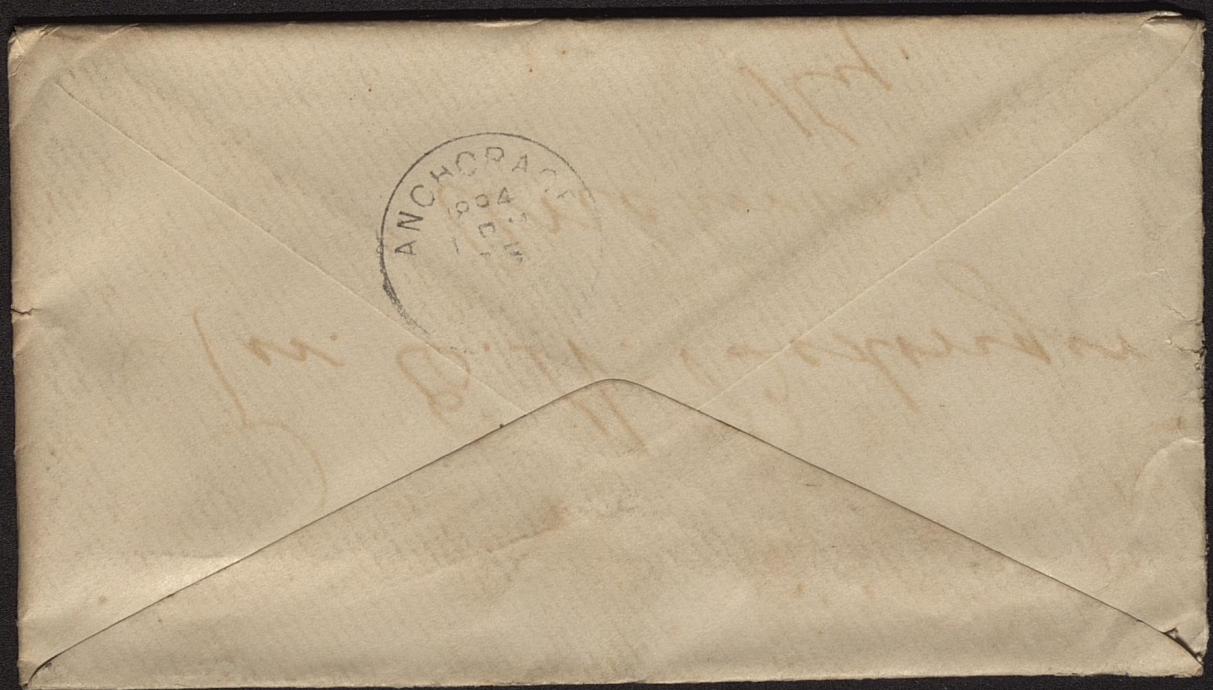
Yours in Christ's service,
R. H. Adams.

Rev P H Adams

Let Anson July 25-94
Report incl. 1/4 to July



Dr. E. W. Bedinger,
Anchorage,
Ky.



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