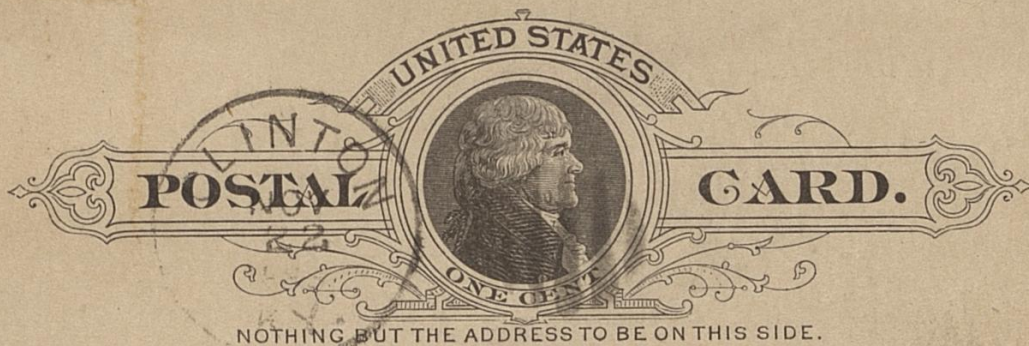


Cinton Ky. Nov. 23, 88.
Dear Bro. Bedinger,

Your letter & the
package of currencies have
been received,

I think it would
be useless to try to raise,
at this time, the appoition
you have made for the
Clinton Ch. The worst pos-
sible time to get money
here is after the wheat
crop has been disposed
of as I did last summer
& raised the amount by
private application. The
people are too poor here
to pay when they have
none to pay with.

I readily appreciate your
sense of responsibility in
your new position.
Fraternally C. Hill



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Rev. G. W. Bedinger D. D.
Anchorage
Ky.

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Clinton Ky. Aug. 24 1887

Rev. C. W. Bedinger D. D.,

Dear Bro.

Enclosed please

find \$20.00, the amt, for which the Clinton Ch. was assured for the Synodical Evangel. Fund. I send it in this late, not because I have been neglecting it, but for this reason: that the people's dependence for money here is chiefly from their wheat crop.

I determined to wait till they had disposed of that, before I made an effort to collect the money. Last year I took a public collection earlier in the season for this cause, as only raised about \$7.00.

This year I determined to try by personal solicitation to make up the amt.

I had a tedious undertaking, but have succeeded in making up the \$20. I suppose your treasury is empty as I failed to receive Aug. salary. Two months rent is now due, so we will have to borrow money to pay. Our people here are very poor. They have not paid near all they

subscribed for salary last year yet though
more than half of another year has passed.

And they have paid but a small part of
this year's salary. They are not able to give
much, as then they have been spoiled in
the past.

As to Columbus, I don't know yet
that I can get anything for you. They
have not paid up their last year's salary, as
I do not expect them to. Our little
church there seems to be dead, dead, twice
dead, plucked up by the roots. The reliable
members have nearly all removed from
there, or have died. There are a few good people
remaining, but unable to do any thing, two
or three that are able financially, but
morally are such as to bring our cause into re-
proach! One man, able nearly to support
a preacher himself, is a moral leper, as last
week whipped his wife, as there is no
occasion to enforce discipline, so you see
what chance Presbyterianism has in Col-
umbus. I will try as see what can be done
there the next time I go over.

Fraternally

B. Hill

P.S. You are to have one of my members in your
school. Miss Ida Caldwell.

an effort to have a pastor, or
expanding themselves. You possibly
know more about that than
I do. At any rate, I suppose
they do not intend to unite
with this ch under my ministry.

I think I ought to seek
some other location, so that
possibly a union may be
formed under some one else.

I am awaiting advice
or direction as to what to do.

If there are any vacancies
that possibly I might fill
to usefulness for the Master, I
would be greatly obliged to be
put in correspondence with
such field. I cannot afford
to be idle, as I know it would
be a great cross to be out of
work, outside of any need on
my part. I want to work. My
work here has been very
much "up-hill" from the
beginning.

Your bro,
in the precious
work of the Gospel.
C. Mill.

Clinton Ky. Feb. 4. 1885.

Rev. E. W. Bedinger D. D.

Dear Bro.

Your circular of
recent date has been received,

I am sensible of
the great importance of prompt-
ness in the collections for the
work of your Committee. The
affectionate of the Columbus
Ch. has been forwarded, but
as was the case last year, it
will be so this in the case of
the Clinton Ch. I am certain
I cannot raise the \$20, now
owed to by the time for money
here is in the summer after
the wheat has been disposed of.

Then by individual solicitation

for I think it can all be raised.

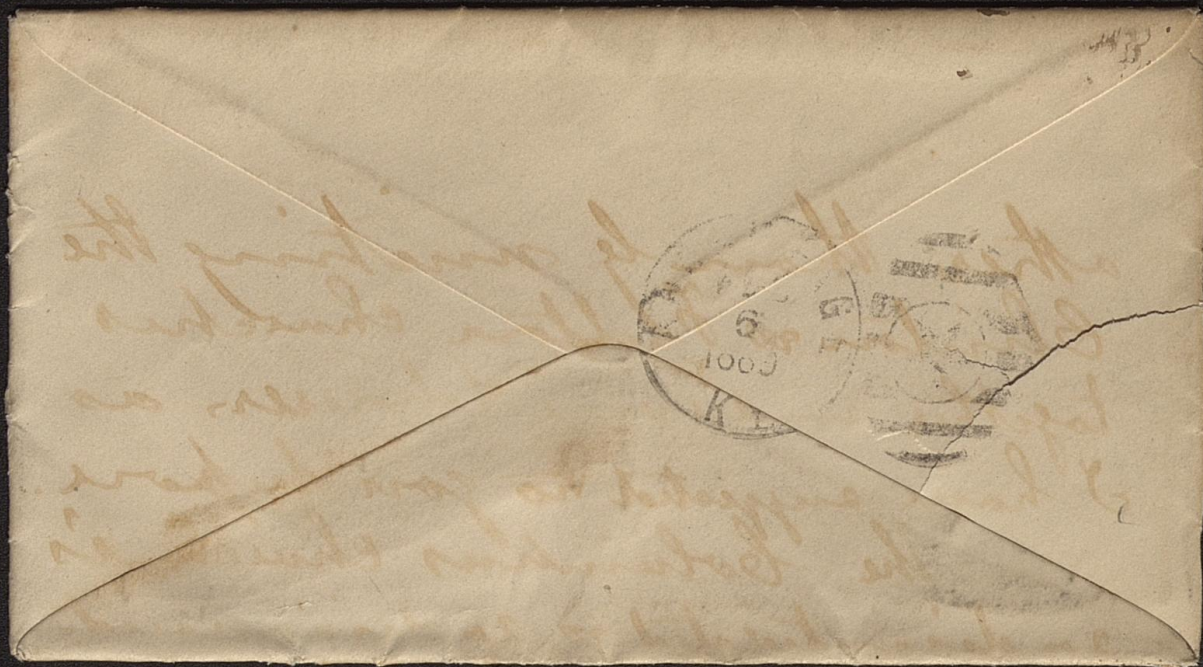
With respect to this field, I wrote a full statement to Dr. Witherspoon of its conditions last fall before the meeting of Synod. I feel clearly that some other arrangement should be effected than exists at the present time.

The Columbus ch. seems to be, for the present at least, in an almost hopeless case.

We have no place to hold services, excepting as we can get in a service once in a while in the Methodist ch. They have services in their ch. every Sab. We can't ask them for a regular day, as there is so little attending ^{from} in, the question is, whether it is right to expend so much that might possibly be placed where there might be more return. My attention has been directed somewhat to Bordwell the county seat of Berkeley Co, but there is but little encouragement there. This whole country is unusually well supplied with Methodist & Baptist preaching the latter especially, that there is but little chance for what we might call missionary work. Fulton & Clinton therefore it would seem ought to be visited forming our fields. The Fulton ch. informed me after Bro. Evans left last summer, that they would apply for half of every time. But so far as I am concerned the matter there stands ~~as~~ ^{as} I have understood that they were making



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Anchorage
Ky.



Dyersburg Tenn. Sept. 2 1888

Dear Bro Bedinger,

Your favor of the 16th inst was received Saturday, I am just recovering from a protracted spell of malarial fever. Yesterday was the first day I have preached for six weeks. In answer to your inquiries about the Clinton field I would say that I closed my labors there about March 20. and of the condition of that field I thought I wrote you at the time.

At Columbus, there seemed to be on the part of the few members a growing desire to have Bros. Evans or Waffer to visit them, as something good might possibly come from it at the time I corresponded

with them, they could not name
a time when they could come.

They have no place to hold
services as were dependent upon
our Methodist brethren for their
house, but they occupied it all
the time so we could only have
services at irregular times, I looked
some at Bardwell the county seat
of Carlisle county, but there does not
seem to be much there to build
hopes upon. As I wrote you at
the time I thought ^{with} the only feasible
thing would be to unite in one
pastorate Clinton, as Fulton.

The Fulton people held out
that idea to me at Bro. Evans
first leaving that mark. But
they were slow to act, and
finally did nothing in the matter
and all now I am sorry to
say in a somewhat disintegrated ^{state}

A part of my field at the present time lies adjacent to them, & I am informed that some of the officers have taken letters from the church, & some have already joined the Methodist church.

I left the Clinton field, hoping that these churches could and would unite upon some other man. I think there ought to be more presbyterial oversight and direction than there is in some of these smaller churches.

There are but two members left of the little church at Mayfield - a gentleman and his wife. Were he disposed he could build a church himself & do much towards supporting a pastor. But there does not seem much likelihood of his doing this. The Calumet church

paid their Evangelistic assessment. I forwarded it to Mr. Porter. As was done the last year, I expected to make the Clinton assessment by private solicitation after the wheat crop was put on the market. I thought that the only probable way the amount could be made up. But I left that field, as I suppose the money has not been raised. I wrote to one of the elders on the subject some time ago but have not heard whether any thing has been done.

On the whole our cause in the ~~for~~ Purchases below Paradise looks gloomy. There are some good people at Clinton that should be cared for in some way by Presbytery.

Truismally

P. Hill

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