

Vanceburg, Ky.,

Nov. 25, 1889.

Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Bro.,

Enclosed you will find checks amounting to \$6<sup>71</sup>/<sub>100</sub> from our new organization here at Vanceburg. Our church here is weak as yet, we have only 22 members, but with God's blessing there is a great work for us to do. I wish to train our people here to contribute something to all the different causes of our church. There are many expenses, which we have to meet at present such as buying an organ & preparing to build

a church &c &c - The work here  
is progressing very well indeed  
& I feel encouraged.

I have not yet taken  
up the Collection at Greenup  
Union & Grayson for the Cause  
of Evangelization, but will  
at each Church, besides the  
Unit collect - I ~~only~~ preach  
only once a month at each of  
them -

Please send me a  
receipt for this money.

Yours truly,  
(Rev.) W<sup>m</sup> H. McBane

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*Wm N Mebane*

P. O. Box No.

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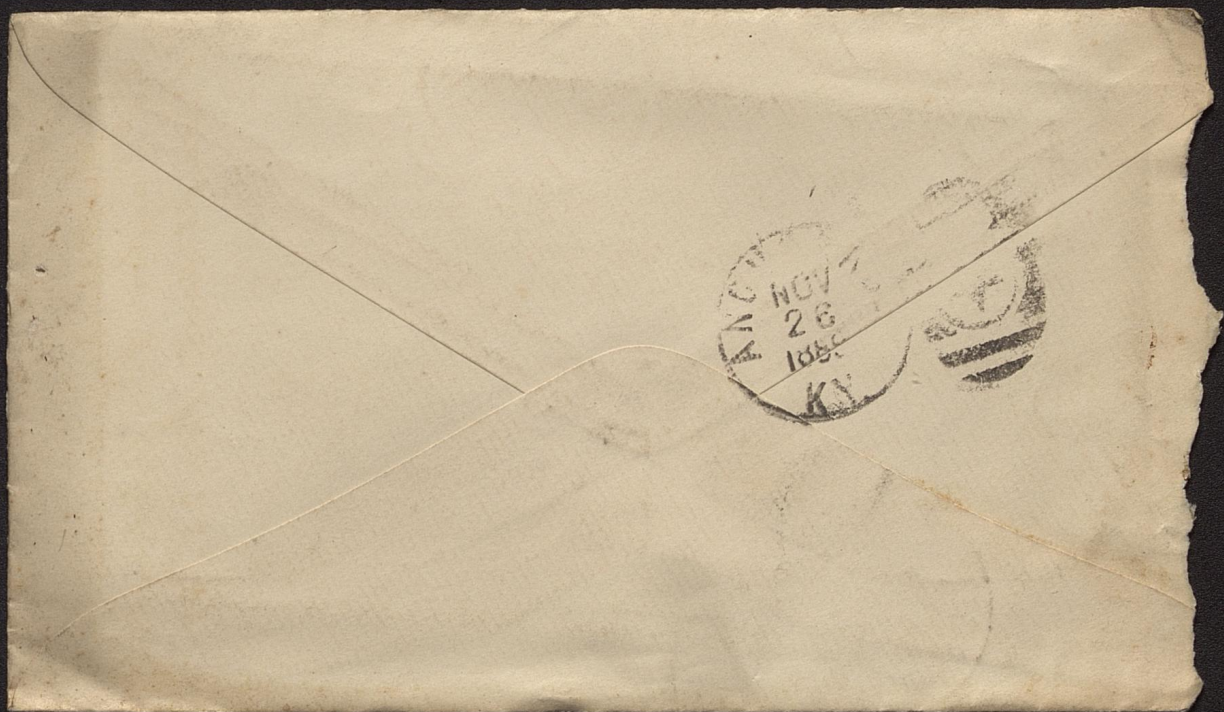
VANCEBURGH, Lewis County, Ky.,

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*Receipt sent Rev W N Mebane  
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*Rev. E. W. Bedinger,  
Anchorage, Ky.*



where the Sab. School is held at  
Argo City has been bought for that  
purpose by Presbyterians.

Now I have given you as well as  
J. C. some account of my work. We  
have been trying to secure the coop-  
eration of the Greensburg Church (in the  
Northern assembly) where I am living,  
but have not succeeded as yet. If  
the Church here would take a portion  
of my time & help to support me,  
my field could be arranged <sup>so as to be</sup> nearly  
self supporting but I do not know how  
this will be. The churches that I  
am serving now are very weak &  
can give but little.

I did not know about the Unit  
expected of Greensburg U. & Grayson for  
The Evangelistic Cause, consequently I  
have not yet collected the Unit named  
in your letter, but will do my best to  
raise the money & send it to Bro. Porter - In  
haste - Yours fraternally, Wm. N. McBand.

Greensburg, Ky.,

Sep. 23, 1889.

My dear Brother,

Your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup>  
inst., asking me for a statement  
of my work reached me a few  
days ago just before I left home  
on one of my trips. As I have not  
been out here except for three months  
of course I cannot have very much  
to report. I am preaching at very  
weak churches where the cause of  
Presbyterianism is very weak yet  
all of these places ought to be cul-  
tivated by us. I preach ~~once~~ one  
sabbath a month at Greensburg Union  
about five miles from here, where  
we have a very good church building  
tho' it is a little out of repair, thro

a small debt of about \$100 on it, which I am anxious to see paid off soon & hope to be able to do so. I preach one Sabbath a month at Grayson where we have a very good church building but sadly out of repair - The church there is very much run down & in a very bad condition every way, torn with dissensions &c. - The Ladies however have \$54- on hand for the purpose of repairing the church & fixing up the church generally & hope we will soon have this done. - The Ladies had this money on hand when I came out here. - I preach one Sabbath a month at Vanceburg where there is no Presbyterian Church or even organization, although it is a town of about 1500 or 2000 inhabitants & growing. It is the wish of ~~our~~ several of our ministers that Presbytery should organize a church there & I am decidedly of the opinion

that this ought to be done as there are a good many persons there who are much interested in it. - Rev. S. D. Boggs of Catlettsburg is going to assist me in a protracted meeting there, commencing next Sabbath & I earnestly hope we will be blessed of God in it. - I have been preaching one Sabbath in each month at mission points near Catlettsburg, of which there are several, one at Hampton City, one at Argo City, two at Normal, very interesting points, started through the influence of Bro. Boggs. - There are very promising Sabbath schools connected with each of these places, & I believe a good work is being done in them. - The efforts of Bro. Boggs have been untiring, & a really nice Pres. Church has been built at Normal, & also <sup>a Union Church</sup> ~~one~~ at Argo City, & the building

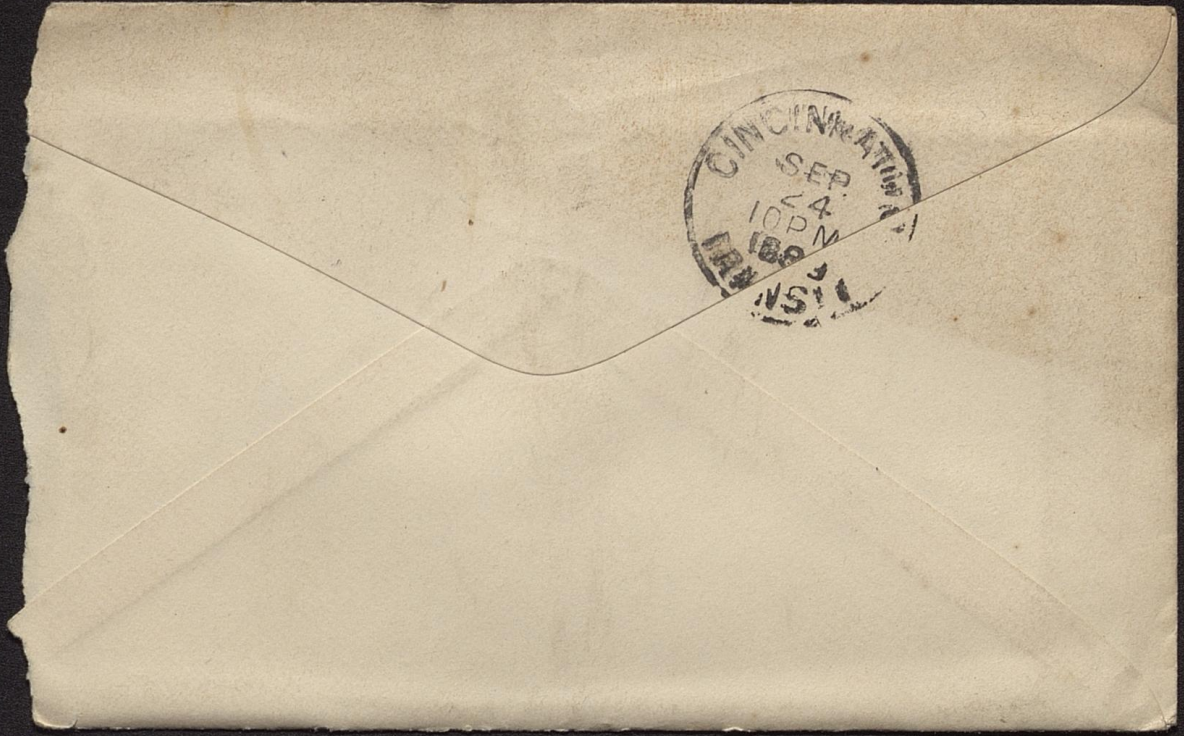
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Wm. U. Mcbane,  
Greensp. Greenup Co., Ky.

Sept 23, 1889



Rev. E. W. Bedinger,  
Anchorage,  
Ky.



CINCINNATI OHIO  
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Greensburg, Greensburg Co., Ky.,

Aug. 7, 1889.

Rev. S. D. Boggs,

Dear Bro.,

I had a conversation with Mr. Russell this afternoon in regard to uniting this church with the others under my charge. He introduced the subject to me, said he thought it might be done after awhile, as the people here had to raise money to help pay Bro. Bingham's expenses they might not be able to help employ another minister at present. He said this church would want half of my time & he asked me to find out whether Grayson could be put in another group. Now I would suggest this, if you will allow me to do so. As Bro. Hubert will give up his work in the Fall in order to go South, Grayson then might be united with Olive Hill or Mt. Sterling

under charge of four ministers, thus giving me  
the Sabbath that I now give Grayson for  
this church besides the vacant one I almost  
have. Until some satisfactory grouping  
is made, I might give this church one  
Sabbath. It is very important, in my  
judgment, for Grayson to be supplied, not  
be allowed to go vacant for any length of  
time, because the Church there is already  
in very bad condition. Do you think a  
good man can be secured for that  
field? I do not want to see our church  
at Grayson go down, tho' I cannot say  
it is a very promising field, unless the  
Lord will pour out of His Spirit abund-  
antly upon it.

Now what I want is this - to gain  
your approval, in order that I may propose  
to Mr. Russell, to give this church one  
Sabbath in the month at present, say for the  
next three months, with the understanding  
that at the end of that time, or sooner if  
Grayson can be supplied before that, I will

give this church two Sabbaths. Of course, 2  
are in the hands of the Presbytery's  
Committee, & therefore it is, I write to you.  
And now let me say what I believe I  
have not yet formally said, that I will  
undertake the work assigned me, & do the  
best I can. I suppose, of course, my  
salary will commence with the first  
of July last, as I have been preaching  
ever since then.

I went to Greenup Union last Sabbath  
& visited Elder Jones, but I have not  
gotten him out to preaching yet, which  
I hope to do. I expect to visit every  
one in that church & all my churches.

I wish you would advise with me  
in regard to the matter, of which I have  
written to you, at once. Also please let  
me know when <sup>where</sup> the <sup>where</sup> Ebenezer Presbytery meets.  
I hope Mrs. Boggs & yourself are well. I  
go to Vanceburg next Sabbath.

Hastily but fraternally,

Wm. W. Mcbane.

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Rev. Dr. E. W. Hedinger  
Anchorage  
Ky

It is a real nice Church - \$54  
money already on hand when I  
came was spent in nicely  
papering it & furnishing the  
pulpit with nice chairs.

I do not know whether  
this report is what you wish  
or not, but I have noted  
these facts for you -

Yours in Christ,

Wm N. Mebane.

P. S. I would like very much  
for Grayson to be thrown into  
another Charge if possible - it  
is more than 60 miles from  
here <sup>to Grayson</sup> & Greenup Union ought  
if possible to have two Sabbaths  
a month & Vanceburgh two. There  
is a Pres. Church called The Valley Church  
about 7 miles from here - a Northern Pres. C.  
that ought to be thrown into the same Charge with  
this Church if it were possible - It is now vacant & they  
have about 34 members I understand

Vanceburgh, Ky.,

Dec. 28, 1889.

My Dear Brother,

I received today  
your circular dated Dec. 25,  
asking for a quarterly report -  
During this quarter I have moved  
my family from Greenup to  
Vanceburgh, where I preach now  
two Sabbaths in each month in-  
stead of one - I consider the work  
here very promising indeed - On  
Oct. 9, 1889 the Church here  
was organized by Evangelist Rev  
S. D. Boggs & myself, & the names  
of 23 persons were enrolled - On  
Nov. 20, '89. Rev. S. D. Boggs & myself,  
who had been appointed a Committee

(with Ruling Elder Kline, <sup>on the Committee</sup> who was dead however) by Ebenezer Presbytery ordained the two Ruling Elders previously elected by the members. Since then we have received one member, my wife, by letter. We have a very fine Sabbath School numbering nearly 100 in attendance. Our great need now is a church building, & it is absolutely necessary to our success. I hope before another winter commences we can have a nice church. This is a town with about 1600 inhabitants & we ought to have a strong church here.

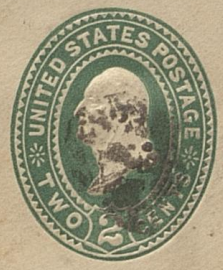
In Greenup Union the work has been going forward. When I commenced preaching there we had only about 18 members, & the church was very much out of repair, the fence around

the church & graveyard down. Before our protracted meeting began we had raised about \$100 for fence, & paid off about \$50 of the debt resting upon the church which was \$110. Bros Evans & Hoppers came to my assistance in the protracted meeting, & I am glad to say the meeting was greatly blessed by the Lord, as we hope. We received 62 members during the meeting & 4 others signified their intention to unite with the Methodist church.

In Grayson our church was in a most terrible condition when I came - torn with dissensions & out of repair. I cannot say that it is in a good condition yet by any means, though it is now in good repair.

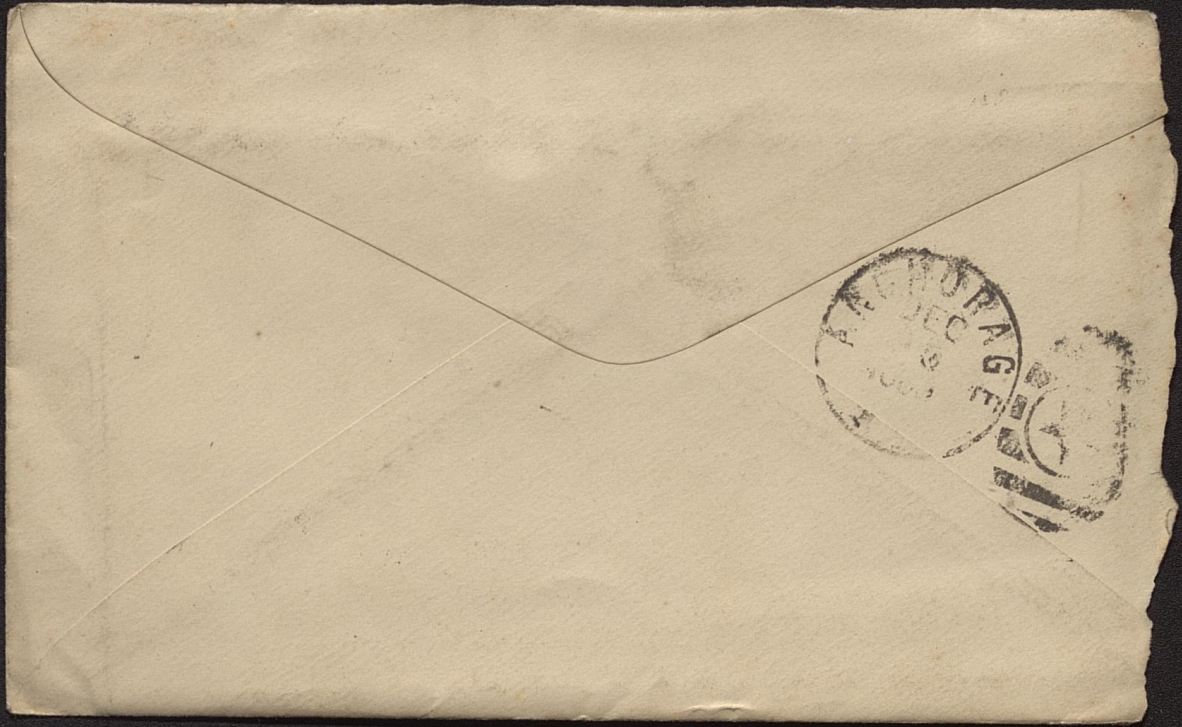
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*Report W. N. Mebane  
Dec 28. 1889.*

*Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage  
Ky.*



Vanceburg, Ky.,  
Dec. 30, 1890.

Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Bro.,

It is again time  
for me to make some report  
for another quarter.

In our Church here we  
have received one person into  
our fold by profession. Also  
I hold certificates of dismission  
in my pocket for three persons  
desiring to connect themselves  
with us by letters to be pre-  
sented at the next meeting of  
our Session, & I have been  
authorized to secure certificates  
for two more which I shall attend



to as soon as possible. Also we hope to receive a young lady into our fold by profession at the next meeting of our session at the same time that her mother's certificate is presented. Our Church building has been finished & we hope to dedicate it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath of Jan. We have to raise about \$75 more on the building & the ladies about \$75 on the furniture, but we hope to do this before Dedication Day if possible. Of course when we say this, we count upon \$200 from Presbytery in Feb. as already paid. Presbytery as you are aware has promised us the amount of Collections in her bounds for Church Erection to be taken up in Feb. & we hope to receive \$200 then. At Greenup Union I do not

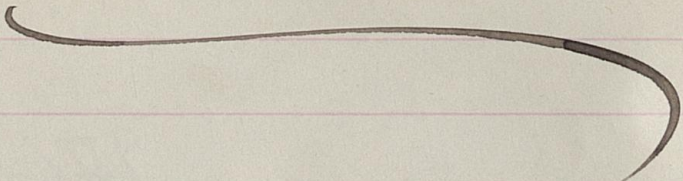
believe we have received any  
additions since I last  
wrote, but the people are work-  
ing along very nicely. They  
have bought a new organ  
have paid their subscrip-  
tion of \$15.00 for Evangelistic  
Fund in full which was  
a liberal contribution I  
think—just as much as they  
are able to pay I think. On  
the whole, I think we have  
cause for encouragement  
at both of these points, for  
which I am grateful to God.

Dr. Sander will preach  
the Dedication Sermon for us  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabb Jan., assist  
me in a meeting following it. I  
wish you could attend. Can you not  
come? We would be so glad to see  
you. If you can tell us where  
we can get a little more money for

the Church so that it would  
not be necessary to ask for  
any on Dedication Day I would  
be glad.

Let me hear whether  
you can be with us then.  
Auntie, Yours in the Gospel

Wm. K. Mabane.



Not delivered within 10 days return  
to (Rev.) Wm N. McBane,  
Vincennes, Lewis Co., Ky.  
Report - Amsd  
ck sent for sal. - to Dec 30, '90

Dec 30 1890



Rev. E. W. Bidinger, D.  
Anchorage, Ky.



Dear Bro., I am very glad  
indeed to know that you  
can be with us next Sabb.,  
& will make an announcement  
through our paper that you  
will preach. We have  
three trains daily for  
Cincinnati, one reaching  
here about 10:47 A.M.,  
one about 5:40 P.M., &  
one about 9:10 P.M. R.R.  
time - This is very nearly  
schedule time although not  
exact. Please let me know  
at once by which train to  
expect you - Yours fraternally  
Wm N Mabane,  
Vanceburgh, Ky.  
Nov. 5, '91.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Ky.

Vanceburg, Ky.,  
Dec. 29, 1891.

Dear Bro.,

Once more it is time to make my report to your Committee. We have rec'd two members into our church here since my last report, one by certificate and one by profession. Our work is progressing slowly, but in the main satisfactorily.

At Greenup Union we have not rec'd any new members since my last report, as about all of the available material had already been gathered into the church, but I hope our church there has been making progress in other ways.

Yours fraternally,

B<sup>m</sup>  
" N. Mebane.



Dec 29, 1891

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*Repost Dec 91*

*Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Ky.*



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Vancouver, Ky.,  
Nov. 16, 1891.

Dear Bro.,

Enclosed you will find my check for \$8<sup>38</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for Synod's Evangelistic Fund, the amt. of your collection yesterday at Grumps Union. Several of your members were absent, & I think I can get the balance of the \$15- apportioned that church, but I think I shall have to take up another collection there for that purpose.

Mr. Henry Bond seemed to regret not seeing you, & I told him we wanted to have you come back again, & I hope you will do so when we have our protracted meeting in Jan. We enjoyed having you with us.

Next Sabb. we take up the collecting for Evangelistic Cause here, & I expect we will have to take up two collections here also for this Cause, but if I can time in this field I shall see that the full apportionment for both of your churches is paid -

Yours fraternally,  
Wm. N. Mcbane.

Vanceburg  
Missouri, Nov. 16, 1891

Vanceburgh, Ky.,  
Nov. 24, 1891-

Dear Bro.,

Please find enclosed my  
check for \$15- for the Evangelistic  
Fund - \$10 being from the Vanceburgh  
Church & \$5- from myself, for  
I feel the very greatest interest  
in this good work & you may  
always rest assured that I will  
get every cent for it that I possibly  
can - I had a good deal of trouble  
in getting the \$10- but by personal  
application in addition to the public  
appeal from the pulpit I have  
raised \$9<sup>50</sup> so I increased my  
own contribution enough to make  
the \$10- You may credit the  
entire amt enclosed to our church  
here -

With kind regards from my  
wife myself I remain

Yours fraternally,  
Wm. N. Mcbane.

Nov 24, 1891

Nov 24

in course of time - Thus again there is a church just across the river from here which may some day be allied with our church - Their pastor is retired now - It is of the very greatest importance for this work to be pushed aggressively but very prudent dearly, & this time it will become self supporting, but if Pres. & Synod desert it at this juncture it will go down - I neglected to say that Mrs. Harrison was a Presbyterian, & she told me she was still one in reality, altho' she had gone into the M.E. Church, because there was no Presbyterian church here, & the Methodists took up the work and there - Her mother who lives with them is still a Presbyterian - It is a most delightful family, standing high in every way.

Please let me know just as soon as possible whether the Committee are willing to appropriate \$400 at least to this work. I hope Mrs. B. is better - my wife's health has improved very much - Yours fraternally, Wm. N. McEwen

I send in Dr B's  
 care as I do not  
 know whether he  
 will be in Lexington  
 long & wish to  
 hear from you just  
 as soon as possible  
 If Pres. & Synod consent  
 you more than \$200,  
 can you <sup>possibly</sup> get  
 any thing that I can  
 get that will furnish  
 me a support -  
 I <sup>very</sup> much  
 need  
 \$1000 per annum  
 for support of  
 my family -  
 July 23rd 1891.

My dear Bro. Boggs, Your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> inst. was rec'd yesterday - I am very sorry indeed that you & Dr B. think it best to cut down the appropriation for this church so much my judgment is that you are mistaken. My churches are not giving now more than at the rate of \$450 per annum, which with the \$300 appropriation will not make but \$750, & I am unable to live on a salary of \$800<sup>00</sup> - <sup>paying taxes for me & R. P. Hart.</sup> The churches here improved very much & it would not be a good plan to cut them for more - at least this church - until 1<sup>st</sup> April 1892, when I think they can be pressed again.

Both of my churches, I think, are in good condition, my plan now is to work them up as much as possible in liberality to all the causes of the church. If I train them well in this matter, develop them along this line, by that time, April 1<sup>st</sup> 1892, they will be ready to respond to Presbytery's demand for more salary for pastor - but not now, & it would be a mistake to urge this matter now. If it is impossible for Presbytery & Synod to give at least \$400 to this field, I shall be compelled to seek another field - I think by another year the appropriation may be reduced to \$300 with safety. I am inclined to think in a year or so the church at The Valley can be worked in - Bro. Fields of Greenup is now preaching there every 5<sup>th</sup> Sabbath, but I do not think from what I have heard he is likely to continue in his present field very long - Also out at Mr. Harrison's, who is quite a wealthy

& liberal man contributing by himself between \$75 & \$100 to the M. E. church of which he is a member, but with which he is not in sympathy. He built a church out of his place about 6 miles from town by himself & still holds it in his own name having refused several times to deed it to the M. E. church - He is neither in sympathy with The politics! or the Methodist principles & told me he joined that church, because there was no Presbyterian organization in V. I go out to his church to preach by his <sup>special</sup> invitation once a month in the afternoon, but I told him as he was assessed so much in his church, I would not ask him to contribute to my support except to provide me a way to go out, that I wanted to have the opportunity of preaching out there. <sup>To extend Presbyterianism & figure of Christ</sup> There has been told by several parties that it was probable he would come into my church



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Rev. Dr. S. W. Bedinger  
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Panaceburgh, Ky.,

Dec. 28, 1892.

Dear Bro.,

It is time for me to present my quarterly report to your Committee. I have nothing to report except that we have been in our very comfortable manse now for several months & that we are more comfortable than we have ever been since I have been in the Ministry. My work here is going on slowly, but I think there are encouraging signs, one is that our <sup>attendance of</sup> prayer-meetings are steadily growing. When I first came here our attendance at prayer meeting was from four to eight, now it is from 15 to 30 (considerable interest taken in it. Also our

S.S. is growing slowly but surely, numbering now between 40 & 50. I am sorry to say there are no additions to our membership, <sup>to the Church here</sup> to depart this quarter to this Church, but I trust the ground is being prepared. We have had some losses by death & removal, cutting down my salary here to about \$200 instead of \$250. I can not live on less than I now receive, & we'd like to get \$100 or \$200 more, certainly not less. I believe if the Committee will help us a few years longer some arrangement can be made to make this field self supporting. I am working most earnestly for that purpose, & I try to get every cent I can from the people for all of our Causes.

The work at Grunup Union is

about the same. We have rec'd  
one member by letter.

My wife's health, which has  
been very bad for several months,  
is now improving somewhat, altho'  
it is far from good yet.

Yours fraternally,

Wm. H. Nelson

Return to

*Wm N. Mebane*

VANCEBURGH, Lewis Co., Ky.,

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*Report Dec 9 20*

*Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.*

*Anchorage,*

*Kentucky*

Vanceburg, Ky.,  
Dec. 20, 1892.

Dear Bro.,

Find enclosed my  
check for  $\$5 \frac{25}{100}$  for the Evangelistic  
fund for Grannis Union Church.  
This money has been secured  
since I sent you the \$13- for  
the same church a week or  
two ago, & it makes more  
than the amt. apportioned the  
church I am glad to say.

I do not think the facts you  
mentioned would suit me, as I  
do not think they could pay a living  
salary & besides this I would like to  
have but one church. If you  
know of any facts which you  
think would be mutually satisfactory  
we would be glad to be put in  
correspondence. I do not care

to make any change whatever,  
unless I can get a field to  
suit me. I don't like to be  
a rolling stone in the ministry.

Yours faithfully

Wm. N. Webster.

P.S. Please send me  
a receipt for money en-  
closed.



Dec 20, 1892

Return to

*Wm R. McQuinn*

VANOEBURGH, Lewis Co., Ky.,

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*Receipt sent Dec 21, 92*

*Rev. E. W. Bridger, D.  
Anchorage,  
Ky.*

Cynthiana, Ky.,

Aug. 2, 1892.

Dear Bro.,

You will find enclosed as Special Contributions to our Mouse in Vanceburgh, Ky., a draft on N. Y. for \$27, my personal check for \$20  $\frac{65}{100}$ , making altogether \$47  $\frac{65}{100}$ . I will be absent from Vanceburgh nearly all of this month trying to raise some money for our enterprise, but I want like for all the money raised & promised to reach V. before Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 1892, when we are under written contract to make payment on our house lot for the mouse.

Yours fraternally,

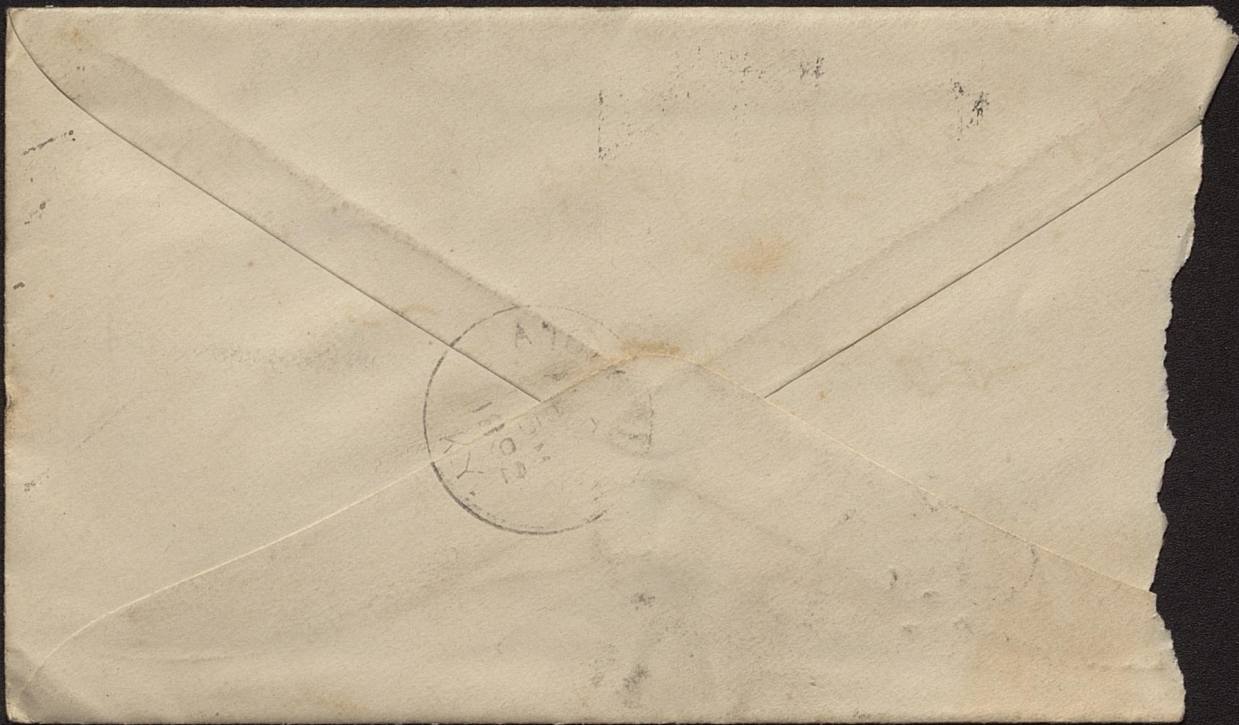
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Wm N. Mcbane,  
Daneeburgh, Ky.  
And receipt ack Aug 13



Rev. E. W. Bedinger,  
Anchorage, Ky.



Vincennes, Ky.,

Dec. 10, 1892.

Rev. E. W. Biedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Bro.,

You will find enclosed two checks for Evangelistic Work of our Synod, one for \$13 from Grunup Union & the other for  $\$6\frac{25}{100}$  from Vincennes. I wish very much that we could have sent the entire amt of our apportionments at once, but you may count on the entire amt before the meeting of Synod next Fall.

I have taken the liberty of referring any inquirers in regard to my work here to you for information. I would be glad, all other things being equal, to secure a good field of labor in Virginia, or at least away from the Ohio river, as my wife's health is very bad now, caused at least to some extent in the opinion of a physician by malaria near the river.

I have now accomplished what I  
wished here in building our Church,  
Securing a manse, which is very  
comfortable indeed, & now I think  
I may leave this field without detri-  
ment. I wish to secure a field  
with but one church to take all my  
time - able to pay me a comforta-  
ble salary to support my family. If  
there should be any inquiries in  
regard to my work I will be glad  
for you to tell just what has  
been done since they were <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~  
work, & if you can help me to  
secure such a field as I desire I  
will be very much obliged -  
Please let my hearer in regard to this matter soon.

Yours gratefully,

Wm. N. McBane

Return to

*Wm N. Mebane*

VANCEBURGH, Lewis Co., Ky.,

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*Ans'd + receipt ack-  
Dec 12th 92*

*Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Ky.*

Vanceburg, Ky.,

Dec 6, 1893

Dear Bro.,

Enclosed you  
will find my check for  
\$9.<sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for Evangelistic fund from  
Greenup Union & Mr. McJee's  
check for \$8.<sup>81</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for same fund  
from Vanceburg Church - I  
wish it were much more but  
this is the best I can do now.  
Rev. W. D. Cochran is now with  
me here assisting in a protracted  
meeting - We are having large  
congregations & there is interest  
manifested - We commenced Monday  
night - I remain  
Yours as ever,  
Wm N. McJee



Vanderburgh, Ky.  
Dec. 7, 1893.

Dear Bro.

The enclosed check  
for \$6. from a member of our  
Group U. Church came to  
hand since sending you two  
checks yesterday. This makes  
\$15<sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> from Group U. Church &  
I will be glad to have the one  
receipt for this amt from  
that Church to show the same  
when we make our reports  
to Presbytery. In haste

Yours as ever,

Wm N McCarry

Dec 7, 1893

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Checked Dec 7 & 8 '93  
Receipt sent " "

Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Vanceburg, Ky.,

Aug. 26, 1893.

Dear Bro.,

I write to ask you whether it will not be possible for you to let me have some money before the 5<sup>th</sup> of Sep., when I am compelled to pay \$61- for life assurance premium. I am very hard pressed for money & don't know where to turn. I won't not trouble you for you have always been so prompt. Even beyond what the churches have put into your hands, but unless you can let me have some, I shall be compelled to borrow & I don't know who can lend me

anything, for hard times are  
pressing to an alarming extent.  
I did not have as much as  
\$10 - until Bro. Boggs <sup>paid</sup> sent  
me \$25, which was in his  
hands this morning, although it  
was not due me till Presby-  
tery meets the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. Of  
course, this will be required &  
more too for our living the  
next month will have nothing to  
meet my life assurance on  
the N.Y. Equitable, which will  
be forfeited, unless I pay on the  
5<sup>th</sup> of Sep. I have not rec'd  
anything from you now since  
April 5<sup>th</sup> leaving Synod due me  
for five months now. I am not of

Could find any fault be-  
cause you are paying out  
or I know more than is coming  
in, but if you can let me have  
this money or a part of it if  
not the whole it will relieve  
me very much.

I know you will not  
abandon me my work  
here for of course that would  
be suicidal to all of our  
promising interests here. Please  
let me know what they depend  
upon so that they look else-  
where.

I remain yours most sincerely &  
fraternally,  
Wm N. Webster.

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*Hand & ch sent  
Aug 31 '93*

*Rev. E. W. Bedinger, W.D.,  
Anchorage,  
Ky.*



Vanceburgh, Ky.,  
June 17, 1893.

Dear Bro.,

I write to inform you  
that it is my wish to leave  
my present field of labor this  
Summer, some time between July  
1<sup>st</sup> & Sep 1<sup>st</sup>. I have not decided  
the exact time at which I wish  
to terminate my present work-  
I have an opportunity of going  
to Union Theological Seminary  
for one year, & I wish to avail  
myself of it, in order to prepare  
myself for wider usefulness in  
the glorious cause in which my  
heart is earnestly engaged. I  
write to you now about this so  
that you may look around for  
another man to take my place  
here, as I do not wish any  
break in the work. In Church &



our Sunday work is the only  
Church of our Assembly in the Co.  
So of General Union - I another  
me is placed here at once I  
believe - group belonging to the  
other Assembly can be brought  
over to us, but if there is a  
break or interruption in our  
work it may be that an  
effort will be made - the other  
side to bring General Union to  
cooperate with General Union. If a good  
strong man is put here at once  
as Pastor (not stand supply) I  
believe this will soon be self-  
supporting - I regard it as very  
promising - My great element  
of promise is the excellent  
School located here which enrolls about 100 pupils <sup>being</sup> under the  
control of Presbyterians, the  
Principal being an Elder in our  
Church and the teachers Presby-  
terians except one - We have a  
very fine Sunday School with a  
number of most excellent teachers

& the best prayer meeting at-  
tendance in proportion to the  
membership of any church  
in town - & consider the church  
on a firm foundation - in a most  
Excellent condition - Four years  
ago we had no church, manse or  
even organization here, now we  
have a beautiful church, a com-  
fortable manse & an organization  
of about 49 members, a Sunday  
School of 55 or 60, a prayer-  
meeting attendance of from  
15 to 30, usually about 20  
or 25 - regular attendants.

I don't know what to  
say about the balance of our  
evangelistic opportunity - There  
are so many collections that  
the people complain - You will  
remember Greenup U. paid about  
\$3 - over his opportunity - I will

is the best I can do about it as I  
never please go down - find that  
over passing in people does  
seem that is raised the  
otherwise - I wish it were in my  
power to raise in times as  
much in such a glorious  
cause, but it is necessary for  
me to exercise discretion - The  
people here been much pressed  
during the year on account of  
raising money for the new school  
we try to raise something for  
all the Church causes.

It was a pleasure to hear  
you in regard to the  
subject of which I have written  
Can you think of any one to  
take my place?

Yours as ever

Wm N. McLean

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*Rev. E. W. Bidinger,  
Anchorage, Ky.*



a charge with but one Church  
& that a self-supporting one if  
possible. Do you know what  
our Church of ~~Frankfort~~  
is going to do? In haste,  
W.M.M.

Vincennes, Ky.,  
Sep. 25, 1893.

Dear Bro., I  
have nothing special  
to report from my Churches  
this quarter - They are both moving  
along very well. We paid Sept. 93  
 $\$197\frac{50}{100}$  on our mortgage here,  
making  $\$822\frac{50}{100}$ , besides about  
 $\$80-$  in improvements,  $\$22\frac{50}{100}$   
of the above was interest & the  
balance was to reduce the  
note against us, leaving still  
a balance of  $\$200$  still due,  
& about  $\$100$  of this has  
been promised, & will no doubt  
be paid within 12 months. I  
trust also that Harrodsburg  
Church will help us some,  
so that I hope in another year

we will be entirely free from  
debt or very near so.

It will be absolutely necessary  
for Synod to continue its  
appropriation of \$200 to this  
field, if the work is to go  
on at all, & it would be  
suicidal to drop this work here  
now after all the labor & money  
spent here already. We have  
lost by removal some of our  
members here, which has  
already reduced my salary to  
less than \$800 per annum, -  
counting in Synod's appropriation  
of \$200 <sup>to</sup> my salary. Of  
course, I cannot continue  
my work, if this appropriation  
is removed or even lessened.  
I trust some way will be  
opened up, so that there will  
not be any necessity of cutting

down our salaries. Of course,  
I do not intend to cast any  
reflection whatever upon you  
or your Committee, for I  
trust you have done & will  
do the very best you can  
in this great work, but I do  
not think that enough money  
may be raised in some way  
to save at least what we  
have already gained.

Yours most fraternally,  
Wm. N. McLean.

In your last letter you  
told me possibly I had better  
arrange my plans in view of  
the liability of Synod's being compelled  
to withdraw its appropriation after  
Oct 1 '93. Can you recommend  
me some other field? I would prefer

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*Wm N Mebane*

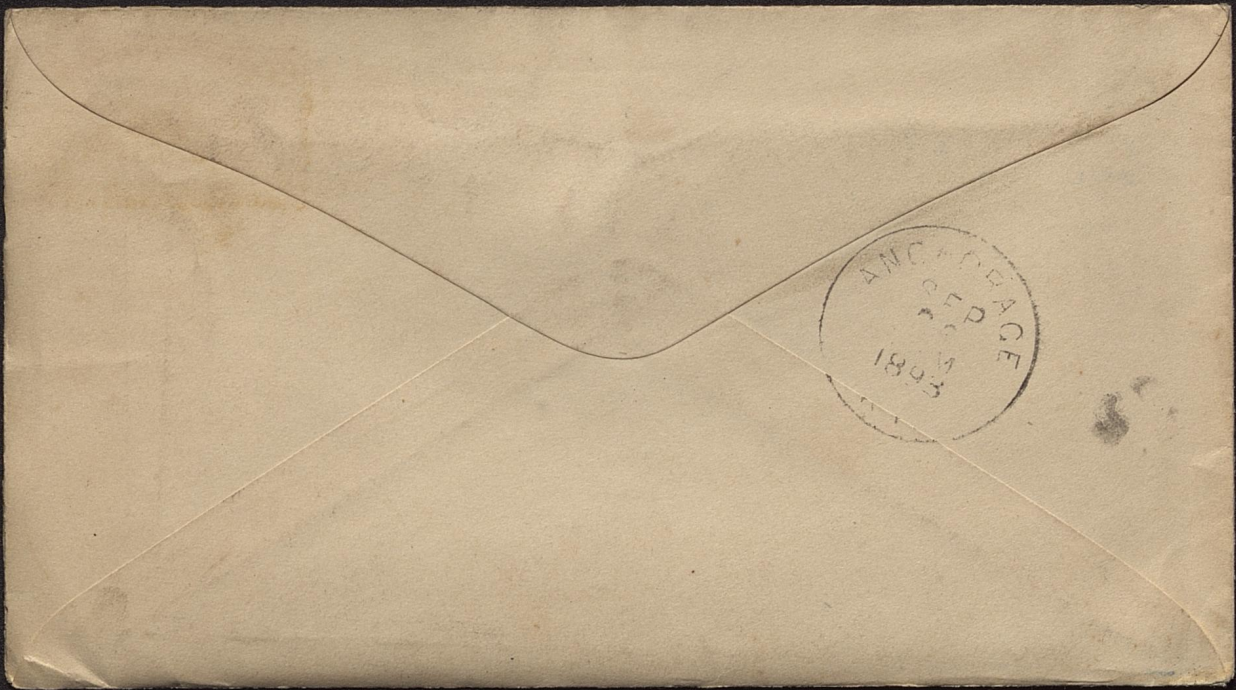
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*Sept 25, 1873*



*Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.,  
Anchorage,  
Ky.*





a fifth Sabbath, but I am very  
sorry the Committee has asked me  
to look after this Church, as I can  
not go there except for fifth Sabbath,  
as it would be a serious loss to either  
<sup>Western</sup> ~~both~~ Vanceburg or Greenup Union  
to take any time away from these  
fields, so much more promising  
than Grayson.

When I saw you in Covington,  
Ky., the middle of last month, you  
were very unwell, but I trust  
that you have entirely recovered  
before this time. With the best  
wishes of the season, I remain,

Yours in the Gospel,  
Wm. N. Mebane.

I am very hard pressed for money.

Vanceburg, Ky.,

Dec 26, 1893.

Dear Bro.,

It is time once more  
to present my report for  
another quarter. It gives me  
genuine pleasure to say that  
my work has been very encour-  
aging here. The Lord has blessed  
us very much. There has been  
a steady improvement, I think,  
not only in our Church but in  
our town generally, ever since our  
Church was built. Our prayer  
meetings have increased wonder-  
fully, our Sabbath School is  
Excellent. This improvement  
I am glad to say has not  
been spasmodic, but has been  
a very <sup>at times</sup> healthful <sup>and</sup> gradual

improvement. I have ever tried  
to make the work permanent.  
Recently also we had a meeting,  
in which Bro. Cochran rendered  
very efficient assistance, & we  
have received five persons into  
our Church. There is also another  
one, a boy of nine years, des-  
siring baptism, but we have per-  
suaded him to wait a little longer,  
until he can read "The Story of  
the Gospel," which I gave him to  
teach him about his Saviour.  
There were others also, who were  
deeply interested, & I sincerely  
trust the Lord will continue to  
bless us abundantly - that really  
we have only just commenced  
to receive some of the fruits  
of the Synod's work here. Our  
Church has grown very much in  
the estimation of the people here.

& this growth also has been gradual,  
but steady & healthful. When  
our Church was organized here,  
there was considerable ignorance  
& prejudice concerning it. Our  
prayer meetings & our Sunday  
School are very encouraging.  
I am convinced that this is one  
of the most promising fields  
for Evangelistic work.

The work at P. M. also is  
progressing very nicely, although  
I do not know of anything of  
especial importance to report. I  
wish to have a meeting there this  
winter.

I expect to go to Grayson  
next Fri. I have <sup>sub</sup> made an appoint-  
ment there to preach Fri. night  
Sat. afternoon & night, & Sunday  
morning & night. I would do this  
for this week, or next Sabbath is

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

Vanderburgh, Ky.,

June 26, 1894.

Dear Bro.,

I would please find  
my check for \$5.00 for Ev-  
angelistic work from Graysen U.  
the Unit asked from the Church.  
I trust the Graysen Church  
has already sent her appor-  
tionment a part of which was  
raised when I was there, the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sabb. of June. I had  
sent drop a line to Mr. L W  
Woods, Graysen, Carter Co., Ky.  
I hope also this Church will  
forward her Contribution in a  
few days. The cause has been

presented, but the private subscrip-  
tion not yet made. I  
hope to be ready to leave  
the night of June 28. Please  
send me receipt for money  
inclosed. No word has as yet  
been rec'd here from Mr.

Rutherford Douglas, altho'  
he has been written to about  
entering work here. Do you  
know where he is? I go to  
Chicago this summer to attend  
Summer School of Hebrew-

Any communication you  
may send me here will be  
forwarded unless rec'd before  
I leave. In much haste I  
remain Yours in the Gospel  
Wm N Mebane

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Receipt ack. \$5. for Sr Union  
+ receipt for ad in full amt. June 27

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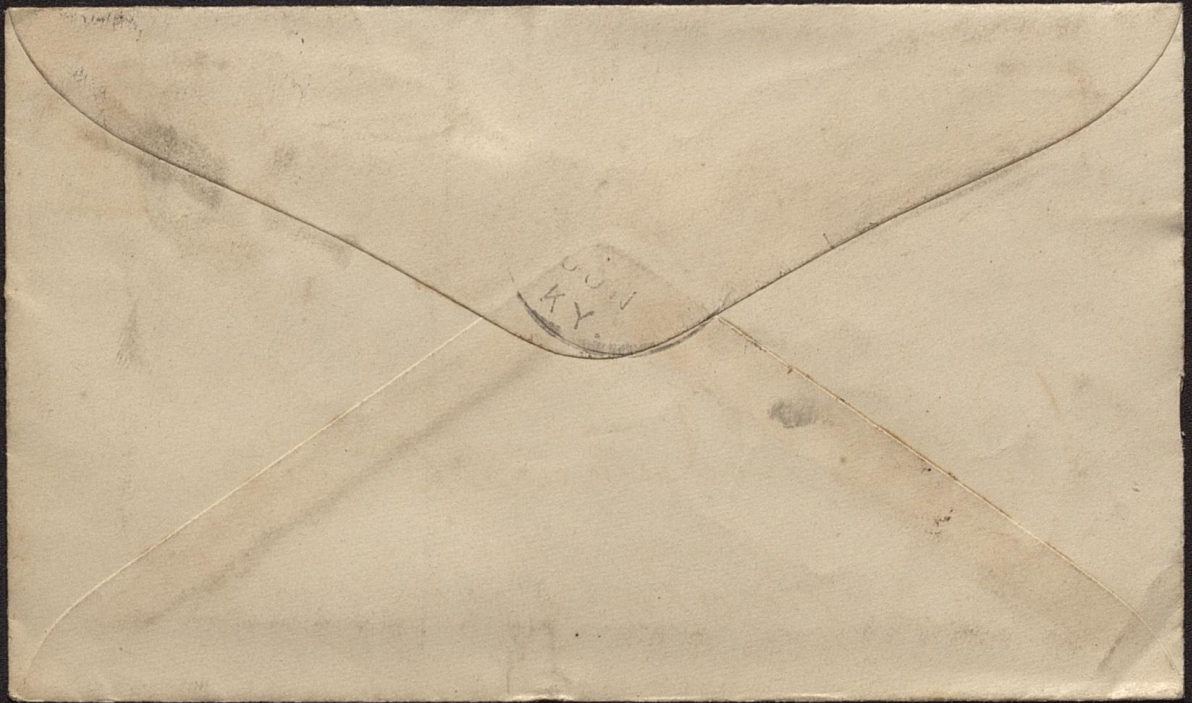
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Rev. E. W. Beringer, D.D.,  
Anchorage, Ky.







#60 Divinity Dormitory,  
University of Chicago,  
Aug. 20, 1894

Dear Bro.,

Enclosed you will find  
Express Order for \$5 for Synod's  
Evangelistic Work, which was rec'd  
by me the last of last month from  
Mr. Biggs, a member of the Grinnap  
Union Church, to whom I wrote  
~~before~~ leaving Ky. Soliciting a  
contribution for this important  
work. Please give credit for it to  
the Grinnap Union Church. Send  
me a receipt that I may send  
it on to the Church as my  
voucher. Although the check was  
rec'd the last of last month together  
with some money for myself per-  
sonally on my salary, yet I did  
not receive the money on it until  
Saturday, hence the delay in

sending it to you. I shall always  
feel the deepest interest in the  
Great Evangelistic work of Ky. &  
in that particular part of it  
with which I was connected for five  
years. I trust the Lord's blessing  
will rest upon it abundantly. How  
they regular preaching in Vanceburg  
& surrounding? I think they  
ought to be encouraged to call  
a pastor as soon as possible.

I am much pleased with  
the magnificent opportunities I  
have here. I am studying the  
Semitic languages - Assyrian  
& Arabic at present. I wish to  
pursue the study of the Semitic  
languages with a view to obtaining  
the degree of Ph.D., & then enter  
the work of teaching in College or  
Seminary in connection with preach-  
ing, as I have always had great

love for teaching. I am now  
preaching twice every Sabbath  
in a Congregational Church at  
Hepart, Ind., about 26 miles away.  
They have invited me to supply  
their pulpit for three months. I  
hope I can <sup>secure</sup> preaching to do all  
the time I am here. I wish to  
move my family here this Fall,  
if I can make suitable arrange-  
ments. It will take 18 <sup>months</sup> <sup>at least</sup>  
at least from the time I came  
here last July to complete my  
course.

I must now close. With  
kind wishes for yourself & family,  
I remain  
Yours fraternally,  
Wm. N. Meban

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Rev. E. W. Redinger, D.D.,  
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