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Dwight H. and Luther H. Platt correspondence

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This is correspondence of Luther H. Platt and Dwight Henry Platt, missionary son and grandson of Jireh Platt, an abolitionist from Mendon, Illinois. Luther Platt's papers include letters from his wife Nettie, correspondence with religious groups, and correspondence with military officials in the South after the Civil War particularly regarding individuals still being held as slaves. The papers of Dwight Henry Platt include letters to his parents (Luther and Nettie) while he was at Washburn College in Topeka, Kansas, in the early 1880s; letters from friends; and correspondence from other individuals for business and professional purposes. Dwight served as pastor for the Congregational church in northwest Kansas, centered in Goodland.

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as a paper in the church at Goodland
prepared you did not write whether
Hawkes, you married the couple,
have a few I infer that you did.
to the As far as I can judge
of Dr. Goodell of the circumstances I think
her in the that the action of the
ers of Dr church as you speak of it
er letter was was wise, and while no
n suggested such sin can be committed
n prayer without harm coming from
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was done, fact that a church can
pleasant day and does in a spirit of
and preached Christian faithfulness and
but did not forbearance deal with such
attend cases gives a church the
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the trouble Do God does bring good out

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of evil.
With regard to yourself,
In so far as you have
written freely to me in
regard to your fast I see
no reason why you should
not let the fast be buried
in the heart of our loving
 Savior.
Public sins against the
 church or outbreaks of immorality
 that will injure the
 church ought to be confessed
 to the church.
Sins against individuals
 ought to be confessed to the
 individuals injured.
All sins should be confessed
 to God, but such as are
 private sins ought to be
 private between us and
 our God. An admission
 of unrighteousness such as

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you spoke of to the Council
seems to me to be all that Christ
would be pleased with.
A detailed account of all
the unholly things we think
and do in our private lives
spread before the public, would
be likely to have the effect
that the details of crime
as published in the Police
Gazette has to increase
rather than diminish the
evil influence of the things
confessed.
To our God we can take
them and tell him all
about the details if we think
he who knows it all would
be pleased to have us.
But to drag the details of
wrongs not for public (private
sins) out into the light
of publicity seems to me

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more likely to grieve than to have us & to please the loved and I have brought loving one, especially after the Thou art we have confessed them to them and him and received his grace and a full pardon. I will press on. Would it not look a little labor and as though we did not fully lies before & believe his word when he assures us that "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." I will do as of old did the things forward. Having thus removed them It seems to me does he wish us to spend best please the time which he has given us for present active work in chasing after these sins to bring them back to I like to see parade them before the church? I think not, too much so. Would he not be better pleased know what

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& better please

to have no day Dear Savior
I have brought my sins to
thee Thou has cleansed
them and now in thy
name and in thy strength
I will press forward to the
oak a little labor and conflict that
is not fully lies before me to which
thou art calling me on
I will do as thy servant
of old did Forgetting
the things behind press
forward.

It seems to me this would
best please and honor him.

Have you sent any money
to Ferry yet?
I like to see a boy independent
but I think he is a trifle
too much so.

Show what he writes me

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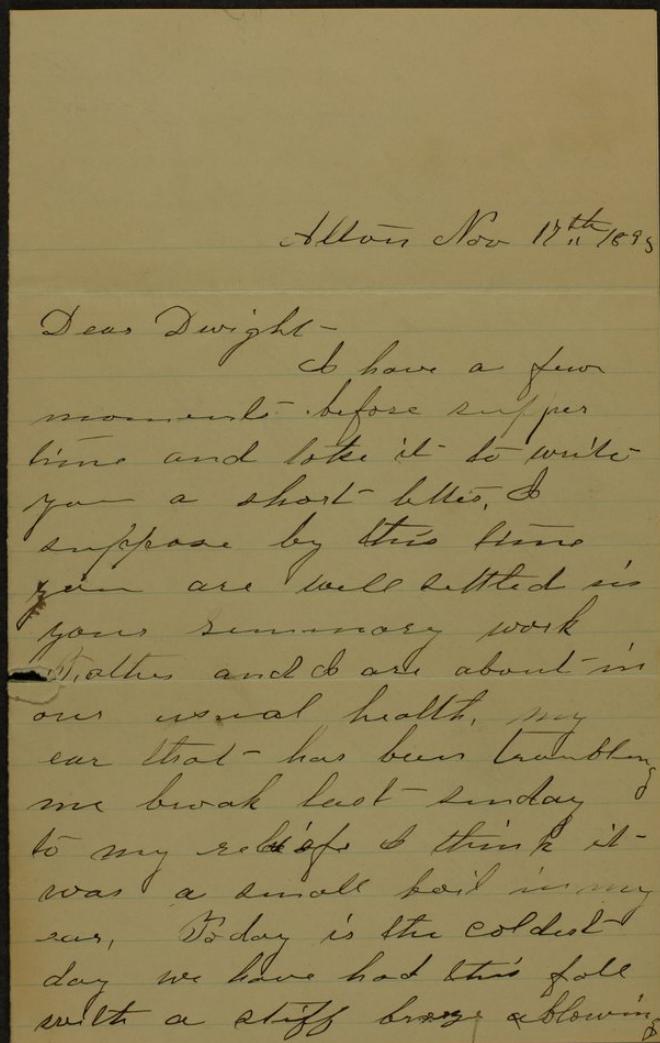
I think he is needing some money badly just now, though he does not ask for any.) If you have not sent him any and could spare him ~~the~~ ^{a little} I wish you would send it without waiting for him to ask.
I should have saved some from some other things and sent him ^{a little} by this time (as I could have got along without it) had I not been looking to you to help him out.
Mamona has stood up to the extra care of me very well until night before last she had one of her nervous nights but is better again to day
With much love,
Yours Father
L. H. Platt,

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from the north with the Empi-
light - sunshine, the result
Every thing is quiet - no election -
allow not much news to write. We received many pretty da-
the mail the announcement of the marriage
of Frank Thompson and Rogers,
Adell Adcock wedding which comes off the 2nd
Nov & it is suppose you have heard of Cowas Tucke, and Allie and
Howard's girl was a Eureka girl and Allie his old girl. My Riverton plant has not changed
very much in color & think it has grown a little, did you see one that had opened? It is quite a curious plant & I will send you a clipping from

[To Dwight H. Platt
Chicago, Ill]

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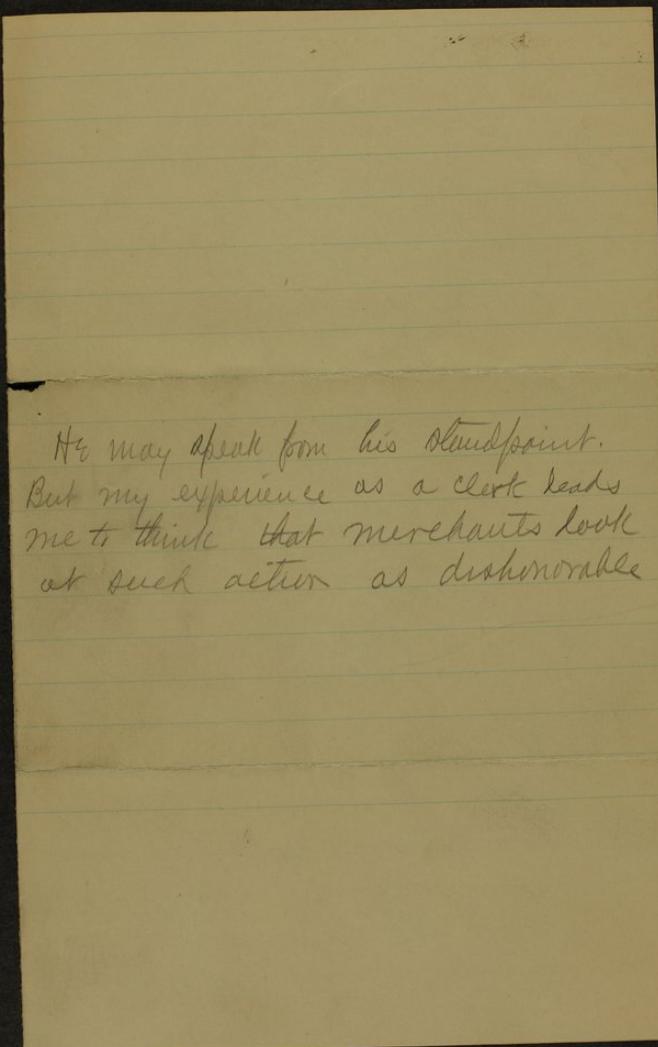
Mr. with the Empire showing
here, the result of the
quiet - in election in Kansas.
I must to the Pops & guess feel
as bad as pretty bare, I
announcing. Suppose you are
poor and rooming with
wedding Rogers, & where are
of the day you boarding? I
hope your cold is
Tucks. billies. It - us hear from
morning you often do so
as a Eureka injury your letters
his old yesterdays friends
inclusion. Then enquires after
charged your welfare, as it -
is solar & is supper time &
grows a must close with
see some much love
week? Your affectionate
curious [To Dwight H. Platt mother
I'll send Chicago, Ill.] H. H. Platt.

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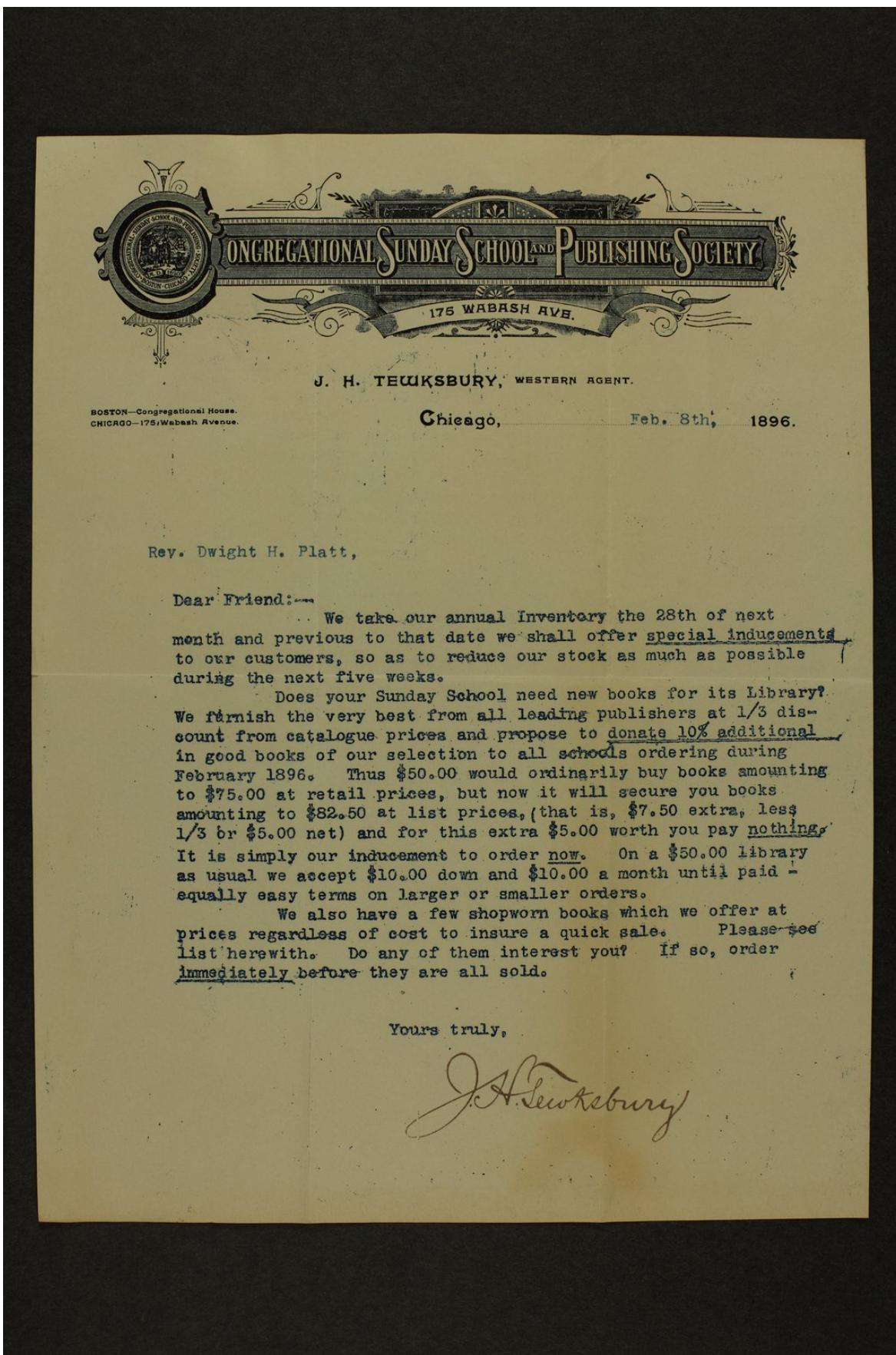


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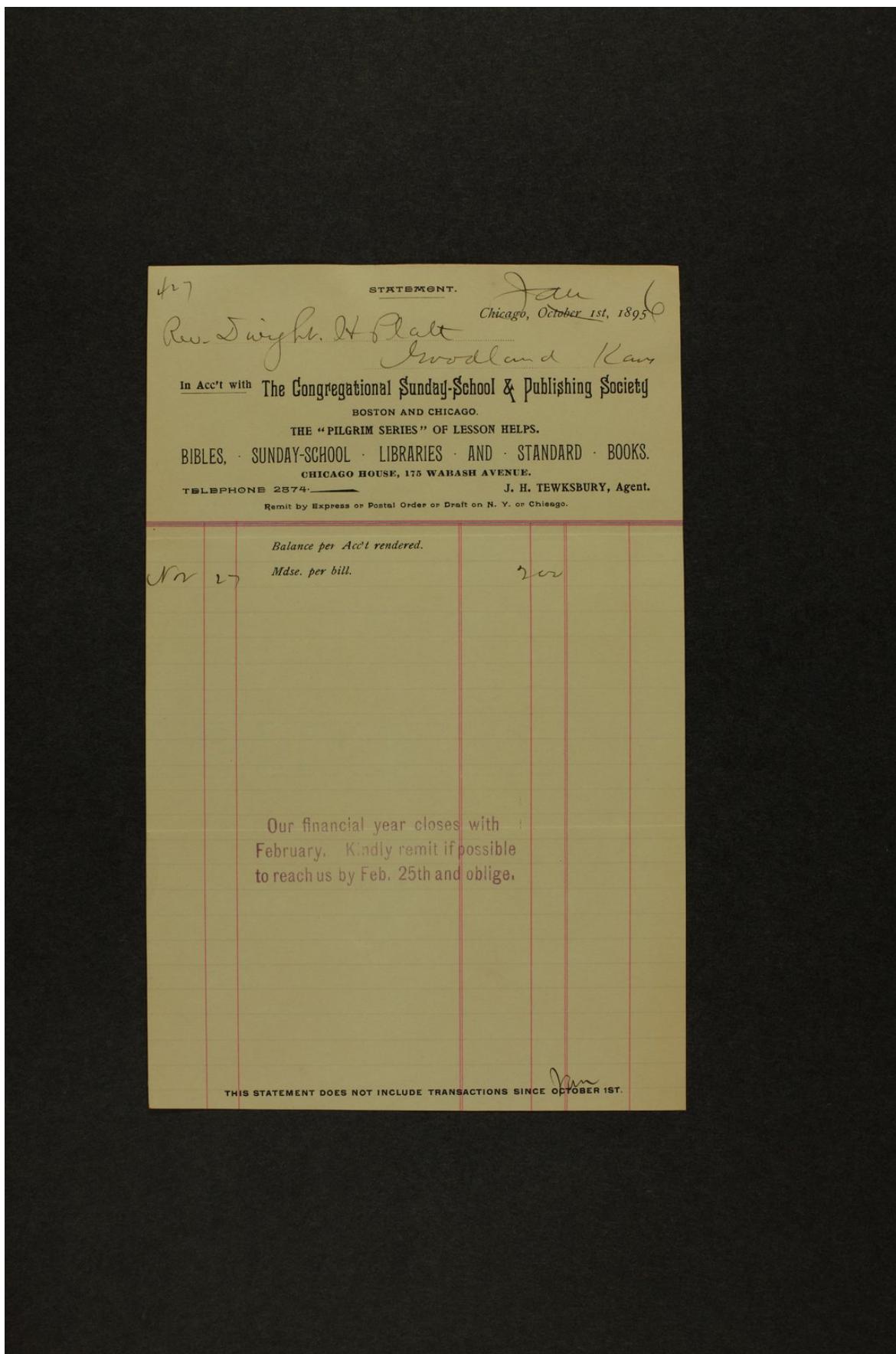


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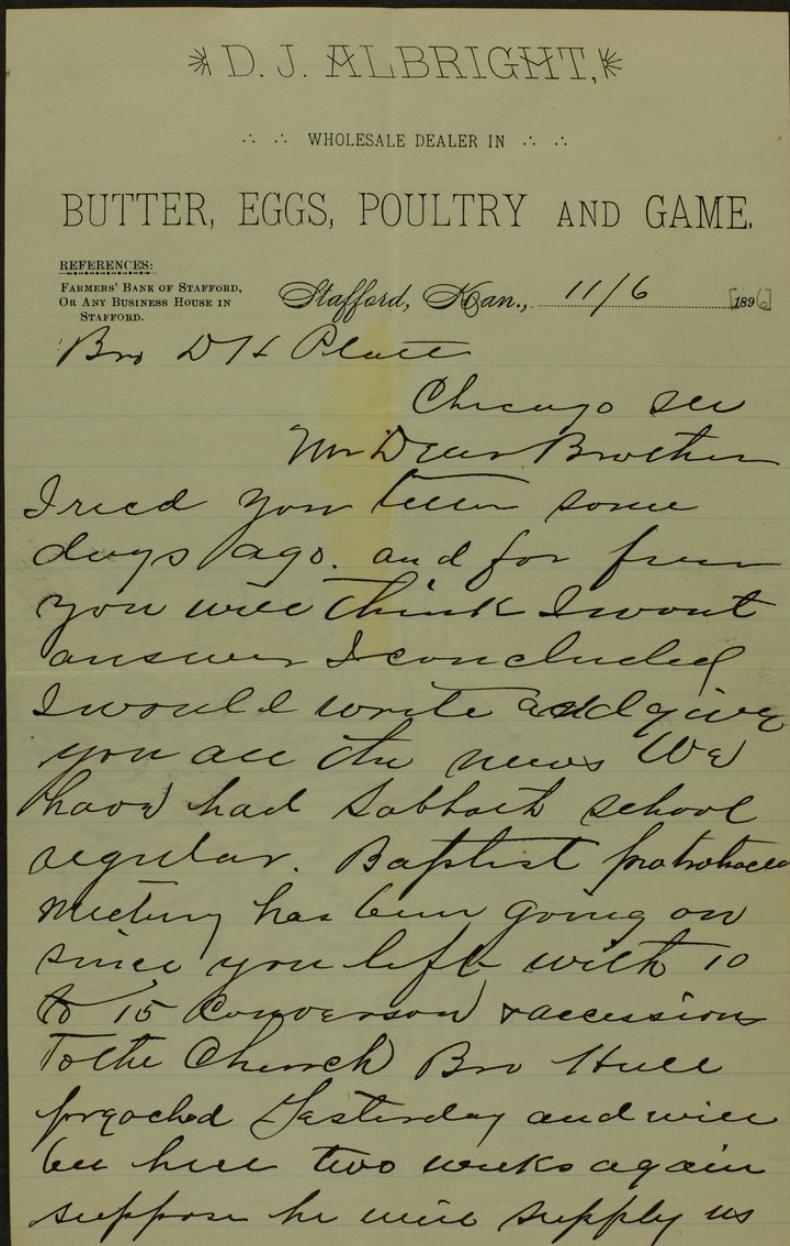


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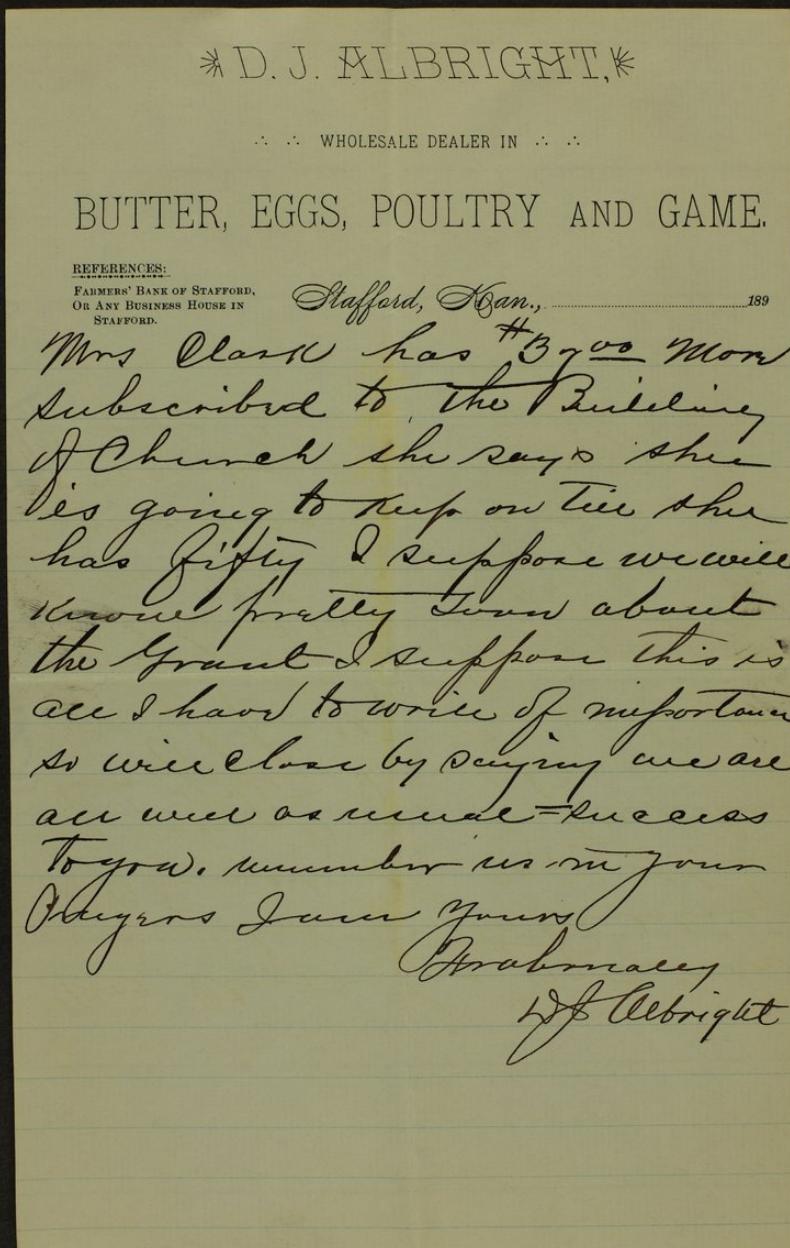


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Middleton Conn Dec 16th 1896
Rev Luther H Platt
My Dear Old Friend
It was only late
last evening that I learned
the destination of the
accompanying package
It is a part of our regular
church work to send such
parcels but they usually go
to parties whose life and
personality we touch at this
one point alone. As things
are an old acquaintance I could
not forbear giving the lastis
who superintend these matters
some account of the recipient
which I knew would add
to their interest in the matter
and for a similar reason

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I write this in order to
give you a sort of personal
acquaintance with the Church
which preaches, in this way,
a kind of sympathy and
brotherhood to you and yours.
It is an old Church - that is
for this Country. Two and a quarter
Centuries ago its foundations
were laid with means as limited
and amid surroundings as rude
as attend the beginning of any
of your frontier Churches.

My own ancestors on both
sides as far back as I know
anything of them have been
connected with it. During its
entire existence it has had
but eleven pastors and has
never been over six months without
a pastor. It may interest
you to know that the present

pastor is a
clergy connected
with the
Methodist
pastorate and
shall be his
own reward
personal man
but according
from our old
neighbor Tom
and he seems
as much as
as I have learned
in Kansas my
her welfare
suffering ab
it seems to me
ful more as
ever now the
The last year
were in most
work of my

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and yours.
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churches
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as I know
have been
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t has had
s and has
months without
y interest
the present
pastor is a young man
so closely connected with the new
faction of the Plymouth Church
at Lawrence. It is his first
pastorate and we mean it
shall be his last.
Now a word or two about
personal matters. I had a short
but exceedingly pleasant visit
from our old friend and
neighbor Fairfield last fall
and he seemed to enjoy it
as much as I did. As long
as I have been away from
Kansas my interest in
her welfare and prosperity
suffers no abatement and
it seems to me as if I behaved
far more at home there
even now than I do here.
The best years of my life
were invested there. The
work of my life as far

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it concerns interests
that are public and permanent
areas above there
The friendships formed there
never die out. The associations
never lose their interest
Nor is this feeling peculiar to
myself. Many returned Kansas
lives not far from me, and
when tried of them - that it is
like the meeting of brothers
And when one comes from that
land which is to the map of our
people a mystery and a perpetual
astonishment changing as it does
in their conception from the
desert of Sahara to the Garden
of Eden and back again with
most bewildering rapidity;
whatever greeting he may receive
from old acquaintances who have
never been west. Old Kansas
will make him feel at home
If you don't believe it come and try it
Very truly yours
J M Hubbard

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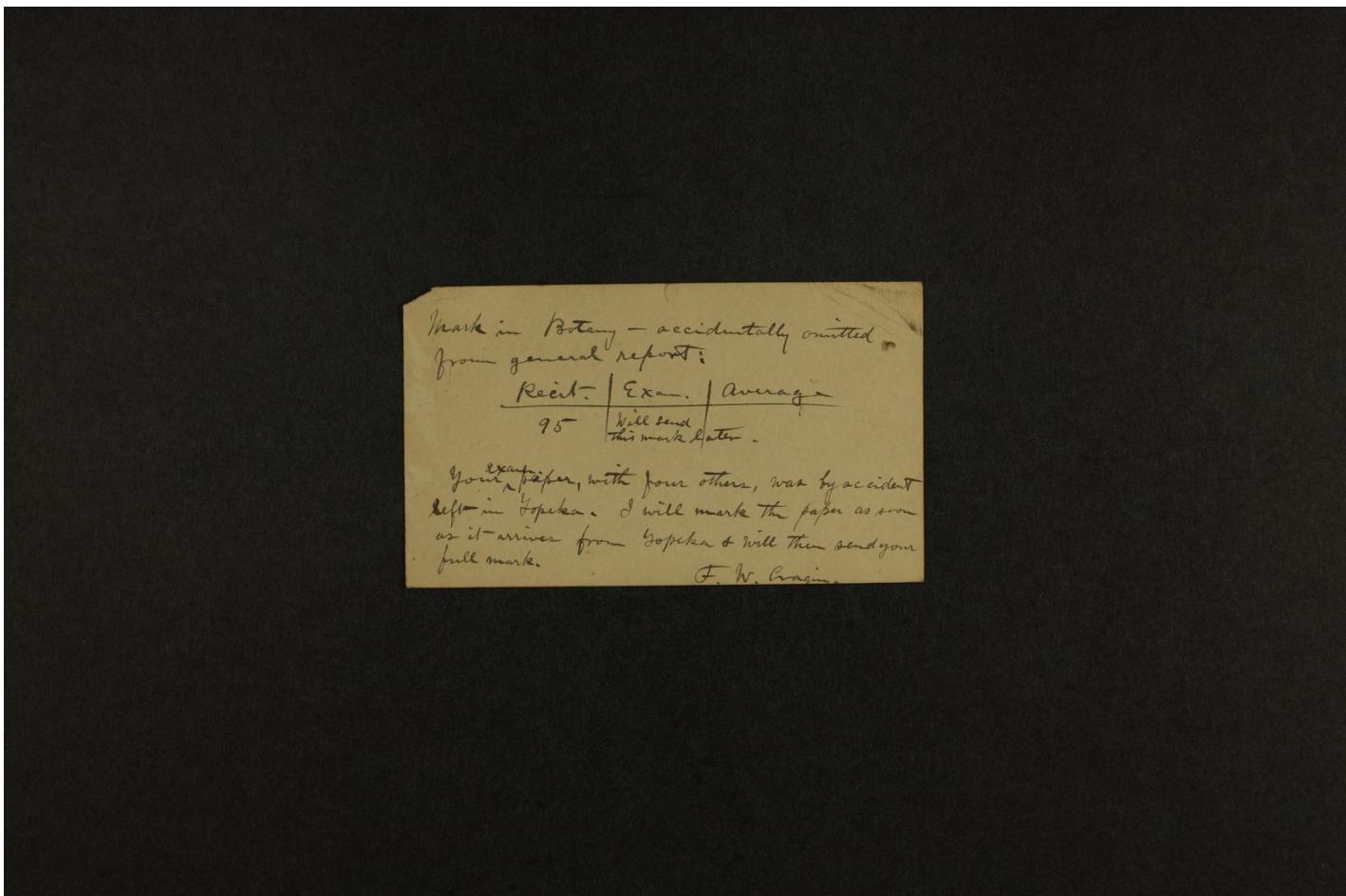
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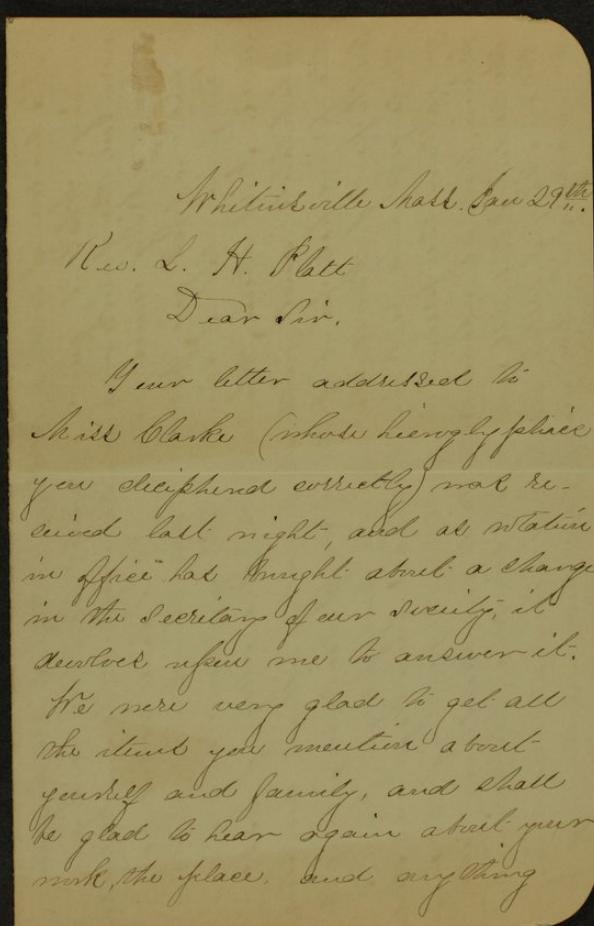


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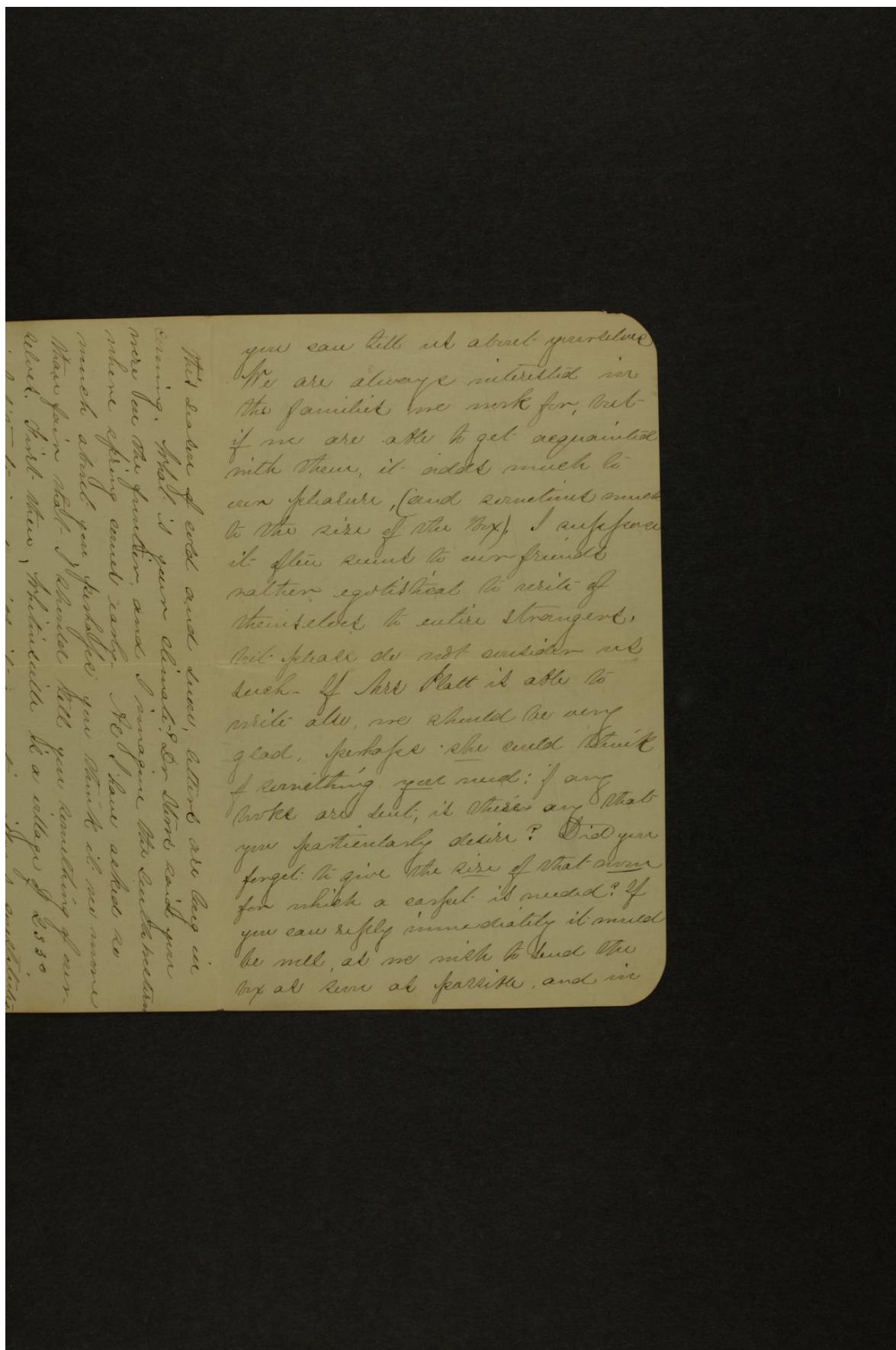


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you can tell us.
We are about
the family in
if we are still
with them, it is
our pleasure for
to the size of our
it often sends
posters with
described to us
out of town or
such. If not I
will do, one
last, before
I send you
book and such
you particularly
forget to give the
you will do
you can tell me
the mill, as we
you all here at,

This letter of cold and snow, letters are long in
coming. What is your climate? Dr Stone said your
were far the frontier, and I imagine the South section
where spring comes early. As I have asked so
much about you, perhaps you think it was more
than fair that I should tell you something of our
selves. First then, Whitinsville is a village of 2500
inhabitants and with its connecting villages constitutes
the principal part of the town of Northbridge in the
South part of Worcester Co. which perhaps you know is
the largest and best in the State! The village was started
(or rather the present business) by the father of the four
Whitin Brothers whom sons and grandsons now take
the burden of business from their shoulders. The business is
the making of cotton cloth, and also of the machinery
for making it. For many years this was the only

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Shoos employer exclusively on such machinery. There
are three churches, Cong^o Methodist & Calv^oist, besides
a U. P. society which expect to build in the spring.
Our pastor who has been with us two years is
Rev. Esther R. Whittle, formerly of Marion, Ia., &
Old Newbury Hall. His wife will furnish us
a pattern for the garments we make or buy for
our youngs. Our church number about 250
having increased nearly fifty, two years since, Visiting
the book of Stellar Whittle and Mr. Graham, Prof,
I regret to say we are in a very stagnant condition
like most of the Eastern churches, but we hope the
winter will not pass without a change. Will you not
pray for us that we may have an influential & true
friend? Hoping soon to hear from you
I remain Yours truly Thos. A. C. Whittle

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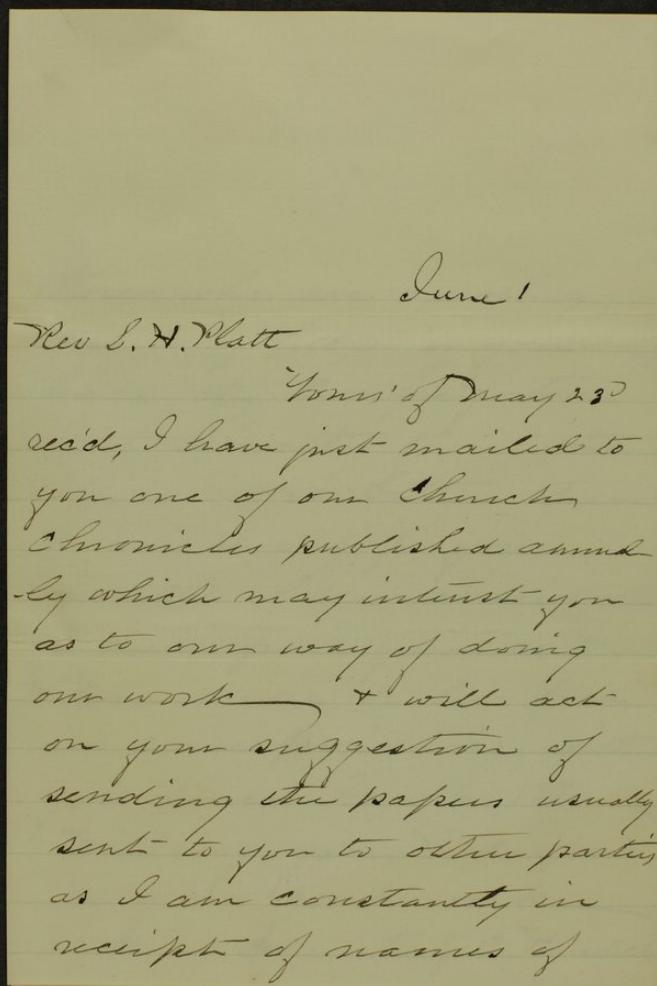
Rev. Luther H. Platt
There was sent this
day Dec. 15th a Baul of Clothings
for yourself & family, from Ladies
L. M. Socy, 1st Congregational
Church, Middle Town. Connecticut.
We hope the Baul will reach
you safely, and that its contents
will meet the wants of you
all, There is also a sum of money
which will be sent by Draft or
P. O. Money order, as most con-
venient for you, Please write
us, anything of interest, in your
field of labor, that may stimulate
us in our Home Missions work.
In behalf Ladies L. M. Socy.
Miss F. M. Bacon,
By 515. Middle Town.
Connecticut.

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those who are needing
this very help - if you
have the Congregation-
alist directly from the
Office, it is better than
I am doing for you
should like occasionally
to hear from you as I
have more, or less been
in correspondence with
you since Jan 6. 1882
Wishing you God speed
in your good work
I will say Adieu - truly C. Benedict.

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K.C. Steele
Dear Dr. Mexican
A few days ago I
read a letter from
Topeka inviting me
to be one of the judges
of an Interstate Oratorical
Contest - I have
misplaced the letter
& have forgotten the
writer's name - It
has occurred to me
that you probably know.
And as I cannot
(on account of many
duties) comply with

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The request - I have
thought best to write
to you - in order that
the Sec'y may have
my reply in time
to secure someone
else -

With best
regards

Your friend
L. H. Thompson

[To Rev. P. M. McVicar
Topeka, Kans.]

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Dover Sat. 19th.

Dear Dwight,

We start after dinner for Maple Hill to spend Sabbath there en route to Wabaunsee and Manhattan for next week.

We got a card from you yesterday, the second time since your return.

You say nothing in regard to money matters.

I had written you twice in regard to it.

This delays my making some business arrangements that I wished to complete until my return next week. Yesterday we had a