

Indian Creek Wayne
Co. Tennessee June
21st 1881.

Pres H. Belnap.

Dear Bro:

Yours of the present came, received
in due time, & contents perused
with sanguine pleasure. You gave
no intimations of visiting, this
part, a visit from you, would be
appreciated by all, please let us know
when you are coming.

We have written to you twice, it appears
that you have received but the
one.

Elders Camp, & Bartholomew, are
now in Hardin Co. meeting with
plenty of opportunities, for preaching.
They also have several warm friends.
Spend part of their time with us & in
the eastern part of this Co.
Our field, is not so extensive now.

as at first; Yet we are constantly in receipt of invitations, from various portions of the county, requesting of us to pay them a visit. Have had several churches closed against us quite recently, however, we take advantage of them by shifting, out under the grove.

Have just received the second letter from J. N. Price of Miss. his partner is down with the chills and fever. Agreeable to Pres Morgan's instructions, we sent word for them to take part of our field, & at the same time visit a part of Miss.

They are located, from 80 to 90 miles from the nearest part of our field. Anticipate paying us a visit in the latter part of July, providing they are able to get here. Poor fellows are running

all over the State. In their last communication, things were more favorably than previously;

On our return, from conference, we found Mr. Bailey & family, possessing most excellent spirits. They applied for baptism, for the 4th Sunday, in May; left an appointment for that time; of course the baptism was published all through the country; In the meantime Mr Bailey whom we always took to be a confidential friend; sent us word not to return, he had called our appointment in; said if we ever came back there he would shoot us; his only pla^e against us; is we are bad character, and the old Luma^s was suspicious, that we were about to run off, or kidnap his darling young wife, she being only 3⁰ yrs of age; This is spread all through the country, much being added to it; until, "Mormonism," has got up to

fever heat; the excitement, has been quite intense, especially among our enemies: He bought a gun & swore he would kill us. Nevertheless, we have held meeting, in that part since, & passed by his place twice:

The man is possessed of an evil spirit, & if he can have the power to cast it out, I think, he would soon be all right & make restitution:

Saturday June the 11 We put up at a Mr Woodys; that night we were very suspicious of certain characters & expressed our feelings to Mr. Woody who lives 5 miles south of the Tennessee Line; We retired for the night, but neither of us could sleep; while we lay in this condition, listening, for the enemy, the dog began to bark, suddenly we hear a sound as of the approach of horse-men, advancing; a coarse, gruff, voice, inquired, if this was where Mr. Burr Woody

performed May 3rd 1881. of Woodstock:
Miss James's Wren's Catcher and

lived: Yes was the reply: They then tried
to bluff him by telling a very sympathetic
tale; Had been traveling, & broke down, got lost
feet were blistered, were tired & hungry: offered
two dollars for a cold snack of supper; had
the chills, wanted a few quilts; Mr. Woody
was in the act of giving the latter: I told
him not to allow the door to be opened, blow
out the light etc; as they were after us: He
then took down his pistol, we dress our-
selves: Woody then orders them to leave
the place, they threatened, our lives, & swore
disquietfully: declared they would have
us or die in the attempt; Gave alarm
by the means of a whistle, when many
came to their assistance, & surrounded
the house; They tried to hire him to open
the house; by offering the snug little
sum of \$500 & finally came up to

to \$10.00. They then stated they would set fire to the house, & consume us into ambers; swore & raved around for about two hours, at half past two they left: said there was more nights than one: and should they ever cross the Alabama Smi again, they certainly, would put an end to ~~us~~^{us}: we kept strict watch, till morning, found the yard covered, with big hickory clubs, & several large rocks, footprints were visible outside, in the sand, it supposed the body numbered 13 persons, suspicions is also entertained to their identity. In the morning some of their proud Christians, armed themselves, and swore we never should enter the Church House: Mr Woody proffered us his grove, a good congregation assembled, we addressed them for two hours.

won the feelings, of most all, who were present, many set with the tears in their eyes: We enjoyed much of the spirit, of God. Our public supplications ascended to the Lord; while he softened the hearts of our enemies;

We returned back to Tennessee, accompanied by some of our friends:

There are some 5 in that section, who are very desirous, of joining, but dare not do so owing ^{to} the opposition:

We have an appointment, at that place, for the first Sunday in July; will be accompanied, by some of our friends:

The newspapers are doing their utmost to advocate us by, publishing their lies:

The 3^d Sat and Sunday, in July we will hold forth, at Austin House, on Big Cypress: 30 miles south of Waynesboro;

on the 4th Sat & Sunday, we will hold on Indian Creek, near Mrs^s Downings 12 miles south of Waynesboro:

Was thinking of taking a trip to Shady &
Cane-Creek shortly after, providing, you
think it proper. The second Sunday in
July, & we will hold somewhere, near
Alabama. We have an appointment
at the head of Jordanian Creek, for Friday
night. On Sunday we will hold near
Mrs. Downings. Here we have one member,
concerning, which I wrote you in last letter.

One more has applied, for baptism, will at-

— tend to it privately; as this was the request:
owing to fears of damage being done:

Had it not been for the procreations, several
would joined before now. We entertain
strong hopes, of 5 or 6, by the first of August:
Plenty, of opportunities, for preaching; the outlook,
is very favorable, for a good work being
accomplished. We are getting along splen-

— did; rejoice to think we are, worthy, of being
presented, for righteousness sake; With kind
regards to Bro: Roberts & So Laura, together

with all the Elders & Juniors; we subscribe ourselves as your
fellow laborers: Thatcher and Humoaker.