

Dear Bro Belden

Feb 13 1885 Camden
No 36 North 3rd St

I have received your letter of the 11th and I am greatly obliged for ^{your} willingness to preach as my substitute at Dorefield Doretown. you will probably have a good attendance from the members of that congregation — as to the subject for the sermon — you must exercise your own discretion. It seems to ^{me} that ^{the} request of a sermon at the opening of Presbyterial meetings was designed to afford an opportunity for preaching to the members of Presbytery rather than the congregation — but generally it so happens that it is addressed to the congregation — There are a great many topics about which, we as ministers and Elders ought to feel a deep interest — With regard to the lack of hospitality of the citizens of Camden at our last adjourned meeting you are mistaken — The people of Camden knew nothing about the meeting — It was an arrangement of Bro, Brown to have a Presbyterial Dinner at one place — and I was to ~~engage~~ make the arrangement and find out what would be the cost — but there were difficulties in the way of its being carried out. With reference to my being engaged on Sunday — For some time past I have had very few calls for my services — It gives me a great deal of pleasure to serve my brethren when I can.

I can do so - When you see Mrs Frank
Elmer give her my regards - I had not time
to call upon them when I was in Bridgeton in
the fall I was unexpectedly called home -
Mr Elmer's house is a sort of home which I
I have in Bridgeton - and I always feel that
I am welcome - Farewell

as ever yours &

Franklin D Harris

P.S.

I wrote this letter by lamp light and I
did not know yellow this paper is - you
must not regard it as a want of due respect
I am going over to Warramethers to buy envelopes
and paper but until I get over I must borrow
and use what comes to hand

F. D. H.

F. D. Harris -
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Be my proxy in his place in
Phy at Baraboo



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