

Bloomington Sept 10th 1838
To Friend

I think I wrote you by M^r Kee
but am not certain. If this Thompson
should prove the 2^d letter you have received
from me lately I expect you will set it
to the credit side of my account & believe
that I will be much pleased how soon
you would square off. I have been expect-
ing some communications from you this long
time, but I reckon you have all forgotten
me. I hear you are going to Congress & for
the credit of my native country am truly
glad to hear it. As for yourself I suppose
you would be as happy & as safe at
home. Yet to spend a term at Vt City would
give you an opportunity of doing good for
your country & of seeing more of
the folly & vices as well as of the in-
genious & virtues of mankind; both of which
by a wise man, may be turned to good ac-
count. - I suppose I am indebted to you for
the friendly notice which was taken
some time ago of ~~my~~ in the Reporter
of my Discourse at Indianapolis. I thank
you the more, because it does not seem to
have attracted notice any where else. I shall

I sent you a 4th of July sermon. I think mainly of it myself & hesitated whether I should send it to my friend but concluded at length that almost any thing from this wilderness would be acceptable.

The college is doing well. Our new edifice, which will be quite an elegant one, is under roof & will be closed in this fall. The number of students is 57 & a prospect that it will continue to increase. The students are orderly & tractable. Parker Campbell is in excellent spirits & does very well. Our family have had no sickness since we came to the place, except Mrs W. who had, a few weeks ago, a chill as they call it, or a slight attack of the fever & ague. But it was checked instantly. Bilious complaints are much milder, & so I think are other diseases, here, than with you. The climate is somewhat different, yet it is hard to say wherein. The sun I think is warmer, but the thermometer seldom rises above 94. seldom indeed up to 90, in the shade. The soil & climate are very favorable to fruit. The peaches are much finer than you can get in Washington, & melons: but the quality of our apples is inferior. There has been as yet little attention paid to this matter.

I have a strong desire to know how your mother gets along, & your brother James. He does not write to me & I suppose between studying & visiting & preaching & the other numerous duties of a pastor he cannot find time. When you see him, give him

my respects. I received a proposal lately from
D^r Hays of \$2.000 for my property. I could not think
of taking less than \$3.000. It cost me \$5.000 &
upward. Yet better to get \$1000 than nothing: & if
your town continues to fall off down hill as lately it
has, ^{done} there is no knowing how low property may sink.
Yet I think when the Bank has completed its drain-
ing off, things will take a turn. When you write
I should be glad to have your views on this subject.
I sent you enclosed in a letter some considera-
ble time ago a note on John F. Mittag
in favor of Col D^r Hays for upward of \$40.
and assigned by D^r Hays to me. Mittag disputes the
account in part; in that case D^r Hays said he
would take back the note & pay the money. It was
with this view I sent it to you. From D^r Hays
letter I conclude that you have not received your
note. If so it is lost, & I must ask the favor of
you to get the amount (it is \$45, with interest for
I don't know how long) from D^r Hays some-
how on principles of honor & equity. The
horse I sold him he has been paid for long ago
& ought to be willing to pay me according to
contract. I wish to have nothing to do with
Mittag in the way of business. D^r Hays had
better collect his own note. But if it is lost, he
can prove the note to have been given, if neces-
sary, by Mittag.

Mr W. joins me in respects to your mother & all the
family. Remember us kindly to all enquiring friends
Yours truly
J. M. I. McKinnon Esq. And. Mylin

P.S. McCrumpham does not write - I wish you
 would ask him if he has disposed of the cook-
 ing stove, if not to sell it if he can. It cost me
 \$35. at Pittsburg. Young Stone who was to succeed
 Shepherd in the occupancy of the corner house was
 to pay rent for last winter. I wish you would tell Mr. G.
 to see to it.

Yours A.M.

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Mr. R. J. McCremon

Pittsburg

Wm. C. Stone
 and Sept 15th

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