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### W. K. Pendleton to Isaac Errett, July 3, 1862

William K. Pendleton

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Bichamp Va. Feb. 3d. 1862

Dear Bro. Everett,

Your favor was thankfully  
rec<sup>d</sup>. By all means send on the Nos. on  
the "Plea to." Though our pages have been  
reduced, your articles shall be welcome to  
a choice ~~place~~ and preferred place. The Har-  
binger will still have a very wide, if not so  
numerous a circulation and will be read  
by the best minds and most influential parts  
of our North-west. I hope you rec<sup>d</sup>. the No. con-  
taining Bro. Elly's Procrustean bed. Our views  
- have been gawled at by several others - but only in  
a short and sort of chained-bull-dog way -  
revealing the dog-matic spirit, very literally if  
not etymologically.

We have a very grand time politically. Genl.  
Ransom makes his head quarters in Wheeling  
I was invited to take tea in company with  
him, at a small party of special friends and  
had a long and very agreeable conversation

with him. He is a very agreeable and liberal  
minded gentleman - as well as a very gallant  
officer. Major Darr, his provost Marshall, very  
kindly and courteously proffers to forward letters  
for us to our friends in Dixie - provided only  
they are handed to him unsealed. This is,  
of course, all we could desire, under the  
circumstances. The chances are, through  
exchanged & paroled prisoners -

Recumb us all very kindly to Sister Emitt  
& Miss Jennie. Tell Sister Emitt if she will  
give us such material, as she furnished the  
Pleasant Hill people, we will promise to return  
her at least as good a piece of work as they  
aid. This without any compliment to ourselves  
is saying a good deal for Miss Jennie is  
I shall be always happy to hear from you,  
both for ould lang syne, and for the hopes, that  
I have never allowed for a moment to grow dim,  
of a cheering future of mutual work in the great  
Cause.

Affectionately Yours  
W. H. Burdett

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of course -  
But it is  
promising

W. K. Pendleton to Isaac Errett, July 3, 1862

Bethany Va. July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1862

Dear Bro. Errett,

Your favor was thankfully recd. By all means send on the Nov. on the "Plea etc."<sup>1</sup> Though our pages have been reduced,<sup>2</sup> your articles shall be welcome to a choice ~~prefer~~ and preferred [sic] place. The Harbinger will still have a very wide if not as numerous a circulation and will be read by the best minds and most influential part of our brotherhood. I hope you recd the No. containing Bro. Elly's Procrustean bed.<sup>3</sup> Our views have been growled at by several others – but only in a short and sort of chained-bull-dog way – revealing the dog-matic spirit, very literally if not etymologically.

We have a very quiet time politically. Genl. Rosencrans<sup>4</sup> [sic; Rosecrans] makes his head quarters in Wheeling. I was invited to take ~~ee~~ tea in company with him, at a small party of special friends and had a long and very agreeable conversation [begin page 2] with him. He is a very agreeable and liberal minded gentleman – as well as a very gallant officer. Major Darr,<sup>5</sup> his provost Marshall, very kindly and courteously proffered to forward letters for us to our friends in Dixie – provided only they are handed to him unsealed.<sup>6</sup> This is, of course, all we could desire, under the circumstances. The chances are through exchanged & paroled prisoners.<sup>7</sup>

Present us all very kindly to Sister Errett & Miss Jinnie [sic]. Tell Sister Errett if she will give us such material as she furnished the Pleasant Hill<sup>8</sup> people, we will promise to return her at least as good a piece of work as they did. This without any compliment to ourselves is saying a good deal for Miss Jennie's.

I shall be always happy to hear from you, both for auld lang syne, and for the hopes, that I have never allowed for a moment to grow idle, of a charming future of mutual work in the great cause.

Affectionately Yours,

W. K. Pendleton

[In left margin starting at bottom] That bal. for last year will all be paid. Mr. C. by the absence of Alex.<sup>9</sup> is really behind. Land is his finances. This I know. But it is coming.

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<sup>1</sup> Errett was writing a series of articles on "A Plea for Reformation" in the *Millennial Harbinger*. The first in the series appeared in January 1861. Nov. probably refers to the article Pendleton, as Co-Editor, planned to include in the November number. Errett was also a co-editor in 1862, thus Pendleton's assurance that Errett's article would receive a "choice and preferred place."

<sup>2</sup> The number of pages in the *Harbinger* was reduced from 720 in 1861 to 576 in 1862.

<sup>3</sup> Geo. W. Elley's article is "Communion with the 'Sects,'" *Millennial Harbinger* (January, 1862) 39-42. Franklin comes to Elley's defense in "Review of Brethren Pendleton and Errett," *American Christian Quarterly Review* 1.2 (Cincinnati, 1862) 31. This is a debate on open communion, involving Pendleton, Errett, and Robert Richardson v. Elley and Franklin that continued in 1862 in the *Harbinger* and the *American Christian Review*. For Elley, see

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100640705/george-w-elley>. The spelling of his name is randomly changed from Elley to Elly throughout the articles in the *Harbinger*. He signs his articles with Elley.

<sup>4</sup> Union General William Starke Rosecrans (1819-1898) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Rosecrans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Rosecrans)

<sup>5</sup> Joseph Darr, Jr., <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54119449/joseph-darr> (1829-1904) His memorial has details about his service in the Civil War under Rosecrans.

<sup>6</sup> In August 1861, mail service to the South was suspended, stopping the exchange of mail between citizens of the North and South. [https://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12\\_civil-war-mail-history.pdf](https://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12_civil-war-mail-history.pdf). Leaving the letters unsealed allowed inspection of their contents, a minor inconvenience considering Darr granted an exception to mail protocols in force at the time.

<sup>7</sup> Perhaps an ellipsis for “The chances [for losing mail

<sup>8</sup> Pleasant Hill Female Seminary, located in West Middletown, Pennsylvania. Alexander Campbell’s sister, Jane Campbell McKeever started the school in 1842. A detailed record of McKeever is John H. Hull, “Jane Campbell McKeever,” *Discipliana* 52.1 (Spring, 1992) 7-12.

<sup>9</sup> Alex. in this case is no doubt Alexander Campbell, Jr., who was living in Louisiana at this time and remained there during most of the Civil War.