

Kissimmee Fla. Feby. 10th. 1917

Mr. A. F. Smith,
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My Dear Brother Smith:-

Please do not think your letter forgotten, or neglected, nothing of the sort, but simply waiting thinking, maybe something of news to you wotbb telling might come up. I read your letter to the choir, they were much interested and were pleased to hear from you. Our new Pastor, - Rev. O. B. Falls wanted to know all about you, and regretted we could not have you with us to still direct the music. We miss you, and all appreciate what you did and were doing, far more than you believed we did.

As my present time we have as leader, Miss Deal, who is the music teacher at the high schools. She drills the choir on Thursday nights and directs the music Sunday morning. She is very capable and tactful and is making some progress in the work. The attendance is quite good just now, there being about fifteen to fill the places on Sunday morning.

Under a separate cover I am sending you a pamphlet just off the press. With this we hope to help quicken the people of Fla. so they see it is their duty to provide land for homes for our Seminole Indians. These Indians deserve better treatment than they have received, and they are capable of being made into good christian citizens if we will only give them a chance, and a little help at the start.

Our dear old Doctor Holt, is at Arcadia, and is doing a great and good work. He came up here on a little visit last month. We were all delighted to see him. Wouldn't we have a great and splended town, if we could keep all the good people we get? - like you and Dr. Holt. Still we are hoping that you will come back to Kissimmee when you are excused from war duty. And Dr. Holt I am still hoping we at least have as a citizen of Kissimmee, - and the Witness too.

The recent cold snap hurt us some, but not near so much as I at first feared it had, and not near so bad as some other parts of the state. The cold has killed a great many insects, and in this way will be a blessing to the truckers and fruit growers as well.

Next week we have our first County Fair, I wish you were here to help enjoy it. The band boys will take a prominent part, and add much to make things go off well.

Please give my kindest regards to our home boys of Co. 'B'

With best wishes, I beg to remain,

Very Sincerely Yours,