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Rutledge, Tenn.
Feby 5, 1907.

Rev. J. M. Frost, D.D.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Bro Frost:-

I am way up in the mountains of East Tenn. and it is might cold up here- Snow and ice everywhere- and I am working with a mighty cold Church- The Church here is a weak Church and has not been organized long and has been suffported by our State Board untill just recently- It is in the County Seat of Granger Co. I find the Sunday School only has about 30 scholars and for literature they only have a few quarterlies published by our Northern Board- They dont seem to know that there is a Southern Board or any Southern Literature and they do not feel able to equipp their school with proper literature- Now I am going to build them up and double their Sunday School

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will them buy a good supply and from you.

I am having a good meeting- had four professions in my meeting this morning.

East Tenn. Sunday Schools are more supplied with proper literature but are suffering- What a great help they could be to you and you to them if all East Tenn- was supplied- I am doing all I can to instruct them- God bless you- Pray for me

Sincerly your brother in Christ

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Rev. J. M. Frost, D.D.
710 Church St.
Nashville, Tenn

Dear Dr. Frost:-

I have just received the following letter from Bro. Walter Smithwick, Supt of Sunday S. at Tullahoma, Tenn - "Tullahoma 2/5/07 - Dear Bro Sims: Enclosed find receipt from Bro. Walters for Amount of bill S.S. Literature on the promise you made me while here - you will please send us for this quarter 1st 50 Advanced, 25 Intermediate and 50 Primary. Our new seats are beautiful - We have 160 enrolled in School now - last Sunday morn - Dont you think that is fine - Fraternally - Walter Smithwick."

Enclosed I send you the receipt.

Now the facts are these - Tullahoma Church was in a bad fix - for over two years they had been without a building and all its work was run down - At last their beautiful building was completed

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It cost $6,000, or but more it was seriously in debt and the building would be sold. Under these conditions I commenced a meeting. My meeting lasted for one month. In the meeting there was raised and paid out on the Church debt about $300.00 and a morgage was given for $1200.00 and the debts were paid. They have a Government claim a War Claim of $1600.00 which has passed the Court of Claims and when received will pay this mortgage. Now the Church was without seats and I myself raised in the town cash for seats $600.00. Everybody was surprised - no body thought it could be done. We ordered seats for $600.00 and this letter from Bro Smithwick says the seats have arived and are beautiful. In my meeting I organized a Childrens Band which now has 70 children. I organized a B.Y.P.U. which now has 50 young people. I organized a Young Ladies Society which now has about 30 young ladies. When I commenced the meeting the

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Sunday School had 42 scholars but when I closed
I had 130 scholars - The Church gave me $75
for Missions I believe - They did not feel able to
buy so much literature for the Sunday School and
would not buy it - but I knew for them to grow
they must have literature - During this time I
came to Nashville - you were absent - I talked
it over with Bud Dewberry and we decided to give
them proper literature for the first Quarter 1907 -
(My meeting closed Christmas Eve) on the condition
that to pay for the literature they would pay the
cost, on the seating of their Church ($6.00) - The bill
of their literature amounted to $20.11 - It was
charged against Walter Smithwick - on your books
to await settlement - Walter Smithwick should have
written to you - but he has written to me and
has enclosed to me the receipt from the Treasurer
Seating Committee - showing that the Sunday School has
paid that amount ($20.11) on the seats - Now will you

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Quarters – (2nd Quarter) they must order from you and pay for literature for the five big Sunday Schools – I will tonight so write them –

Now you write me if this is O.K. with you –

My meeting at Tullahoma was one of the greatest victories in our State – It brought order out of chaos & set the Church to work for the Lord & they are O.K. now – I am so thankful I could start them –

I will close my meeting here at Rutledge next Monday & commence a meeting at Cumberland Gap, Tenn next Tuesday – Am having a good meeting here – Write one at Cumberland Gap – Send the Quarterlies to Mr. Walter Smithwick, Tullahoma Tenn – Write me any instructions or advice – I am so glad to accept any advice from you –

God bless you – Pray for me

Sincerely your brother in Christ
Earle D. Sims

You please write Bro Smithwick acknowledging the receipt for $20.00 & telling him if you send him the supply of Quarterlies for which he asks Ed