

Bridgeton, Aug. 6, '87

Rev. A. H. Belden,

Dear Bro:— Yourself
and congregation are invited
to attend the installation
service of Rev. A. R. McNeil,
in the Pearl St. Baptist Church,
on Monday night, Aug. 8th,
at 8 o'clock.

By order of the
Board of Deacons.

Care of Bishop O. W. Whitaker
4027 Walnut Street
Philadelphia July 2nd. 1888

My dear Mr Belden

Most reluctantly I must
send word that it will be
impossible for me to be present
at the Annual meeting of the
I. M. W. at Bridgeton, July 5-12
I have looked forward to doing
so, with the greatest pleasure,
for weeks. Not only did I greatly
desire to meet old India mis-
sionary friends, but I wished
to make the acquaintance of
those from other fields

For years my old Mother,
now 92 years old, has been
living with my sister, Mrs.
Whitaker. But my sister
sailed with her husband
to England a week ago. This
leaves the care of my old
Mother upon my wife and
me. I had still expected to
leave her at Philadelphia,
with Mrs. Chester, and come to
Bridgeton for the Meeting. But
what prevents this is the fact
of her having been quite sick,
for the past few days, requiring
my constant care. I will
have my paper ready and
if there is a single day

when I think it will be
safe to leave Mother I will
come on to Bridgeton for a
part of the day, so as to
keep my promise to read a
paper. Will you kindly
show this letter to Dr. Bracey
and Mr. Park, both of whom
have been so good as to write
to me about the Meeting.

Yours sincerely
Edward Chester

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Aug. 30th

Rev. Mr. Beldew,
City

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