

Bridgeton, N. J., April 12, 1889.

My dear Brother,

Expecting that you will attend the Spring meeting of our Presbytery here on Tuesday next, I write to intreat your assistance at that time in the spiritual affairs of our city.

Nine (practically all) of the evangelical churches of Bridgeton have united in inviting the Evangelistic labors among us, of the Rev. B. Fay Mills, & he will begin on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> — the next week after your visit here. The union of the churches — both pastors & representative men — Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal-Methodist & Protestant-Methodist, is remarkable & delightful. The whole government of all these churches is given up to a general Committee of which Mr. Mills is the head during his stay; & this Committee are

now actively busied with preliminaries. Most of our churches, also, have had a very fruitful winter; some 75 additions in our own denomination, 45 in one Baptist & as many in one M. E. church; two new organizations in the South End, one (M. P.) receiving 140 to begin with. In my own (West Presbyterian) church there is a painful coldness, & yet a visible hopefulness in view of the approaching enterprise.

You will be among our families. Will you not pray & speak freely among them as yourself an evangelist in the house? & in your own church enlist sympathy & prayer for us of Bridgeton? "Brethren pray for us"; we need your affectionate help. I am affectionately  
Your brother  
W. H. Belken.