

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1906.

Rev. J. Howe.

Dear Brother:-

I received your postal of the 17th. It is not surprising that Mr., one of the editors of the un-"Churchman", should use its columns to enforce his mandate— not very enforceable. In any event a Mission Secretary's appointments should not be under surveillance of an insurgent leader, or of any one else. I wish you success in your appointment next Saturday and Sunday. Rev. John Jackson has been faithful on Warrington; and Bro. Selig has had appointments on Hartsville Circuit, Bro. S. M. Crow on Blue River,

and Bro. George Wilson at North
 Salem, on Dublin Circuit. The
 seceders seem to fail for pastors
 on Hartsville and Blue River
 circuits; and at Brookville quarter
 ly conference, recently, they had
 no reports! Their pastorates on
 Dublin and Economy are dual,
 and evidently that on Fairmount
 now supporting. If Keiter's two
 pastorates survive the year, his
 people must have cast iron
 stomachs,

Joseph Wilberforce called on
 me last week. He said a recent
 letter from his mother indicated
 her discouragement. I went with
 him to the Probate Judge here, and
 learned that ^{Copies of} ~~his~~ naturalization
 papers had been sent to Secretary
 Root, and to his attorney (or our
 consul) at Freetown. Joseph is inclined
 to go to Africa in April. He and
 Miss Constance Benderson expected to
 call on me this week, but have not.
 Peter Lounding says that Bessie Ramey (Christophine)
 is said to be of a good family. Milton Wright,