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Letter from Pastor W. W. Smith

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First Presbyterian Church

W. W. Smith, Pastor

706 E Platte St
Colorado Springs Col

Coffeyville, Kansas, Aug 14 1907

Mr Chas T Carpenter

Coffeyville Kans

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of the 12th enclosing copy of minutes of a congregational meeting held Sunday the 11th is just received.

On Monday last I received a clipping from the Coffeyville Journal giving notice of such a meeting.

Now I have for some months meditated such a move as the meeting anticipated. I believe that for myself and the church, such a course would now be profitable. Ever since we went into the hall, I have felt the strain and the responsibility of of the situation. And I came out here worn and tired completely, to rest and meditate upon how to make the change that is in my mind.

The hasty action of the congregation, taken immediately on my departure, is both painful and humiliating. I am publicly asked to resign. Why did you not speak to me about it? I cannot but feel that this humiliation was unnecessary. It was unkind.

Apart from this, I have no comment to make. I have given the church four and a half years of the best of my life. Unselfishly, I have labored for its good. And I shall cherish an abiding interest in the church's welfare, whether this feeling be reciprocated or not.

I shall indicate my future action to the congregation on my return. Grateful for every token of kindness from my people, and thanking you for this information, I am, Sincerely Yours,

W. W. Smith,

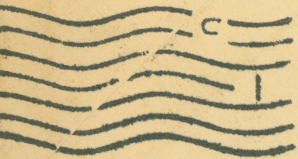
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