

1 Pine Bluff, Ark. 5.2.94.

Dear Judge - I guess you have thought  
of Sunday times that the  
poor had my seal and gone  
with it, but so I am still  
living and in the best of health  
My family is also well and doing  
well and she joins me in  
a toast of health you and  
your family. I am Sunday  
School Missionary for the  
colored baptist of the State -  
I am teaching them the Bible  
and distributing among them  
tracts of a religious nature  
and giving them the Bible  
free when I can get them  
for free distributions  
I have been very busy engaged  
in this work since last  
October, and am doing good  
among them - I am connected  
with the Baptists and am their  
Missionary but I do work for  
all of them regarding to religious  
such or denominations and I  
love the work. What the Negroes  
need among them is good  
strong teachers and preachers  
who will stand up for the right.

2 Most of our preachers and teachers  
are ~~not~~ practical and smart,  
and fall far short of being able  
to preach and teach in the families  
of the town. I have 630 ~~or~~ adult  
baptist to work among and allow  
my 3 children to the family  
would give 1800 but it may not be  
his lodge, as to children,  
I have wanted to get some  
wealthy persons or persons  
who would give or donate to the  
poor and people of Arkansas cheap  
Bibles and Testaments, so many  
of them cannot buy them.  
The American Baptist Publication  
Society donated me 50 nickel  
Testaments and 20-20 cent Bibles.  
But this was not a drop in the  
bucket. I could and would use  
ten thousand 50c Testaments  
and 20 cent Bibles among  
them. It is a shame for so  
much religious literature to be  
in this land of ours and so little  
fall among the poor class of  
people where it would do so  
much good for them. I am  
giving this matter all my thought  
and time and I don't know  
of a better work that I could  
engage in. Judge to you  
or Mrs. ~~Young~~ think you

Could you send me one to  
give me a good long  
donation of Fresh Bibles and  
Testaments cloth and pasteboard  
forks some to cart over sets to 202  
Our camp this year so far have  
a good promise, you never did  
did send me a copy of your  
Newspaper that you used to  
publish and ~~the~~ issue, I have  
heard 10,000 people express a  
request at ~~you~~ for stop writing  
for the Anti-Slavery. Our people  
have largely lost their interest  
in the paper since you left  
But I supposed Matters of more  
importance and remunerative  
with the Editor associated in  
La. near this place lunched for  
Colored men at one time and  
for as an other making & for  
killing one Whiteman  
who was himself a bad man  
May God bless you and  
your family, I am your  
Sincere and Dejected  
friend A. M. Middlebrooks  
State S. S. Missionary  
for the State of  
Arkansas,