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Indpls, Ind.

Dear Henry,

Let me first express our gratitude for the friendly and sincere welcome Staunton extended to us Sunday. They were extremely kind and thoughtful hosts. Secondly, we would thank you for warmly and patiently introducing us to your parish, and serving us in every manner. We are very grateful — in deepest sincerity — for Christian friends at Staunton.

After considerable thought, and we hope wise thought, it seems best that we decline a possible call from Staunton. We are certain, (— this is not undue eulogy, but rather our sincere thoughts —) that we could not find a Church with a more cooperative and lifting spirit. We can hope to find one that would equal that of Staunton. Nor could we expect to find a Church with more sense of unity in organization. Staunton appeared to be well and smoothly united

with members who are willing to share their responsibilities. On the other hand, however, ~~perhaps~~ the parsonage presents a problem to us - especially with a baby to come soon. And again the distance to school would create problems of leaving wife, and later family, by their selves.

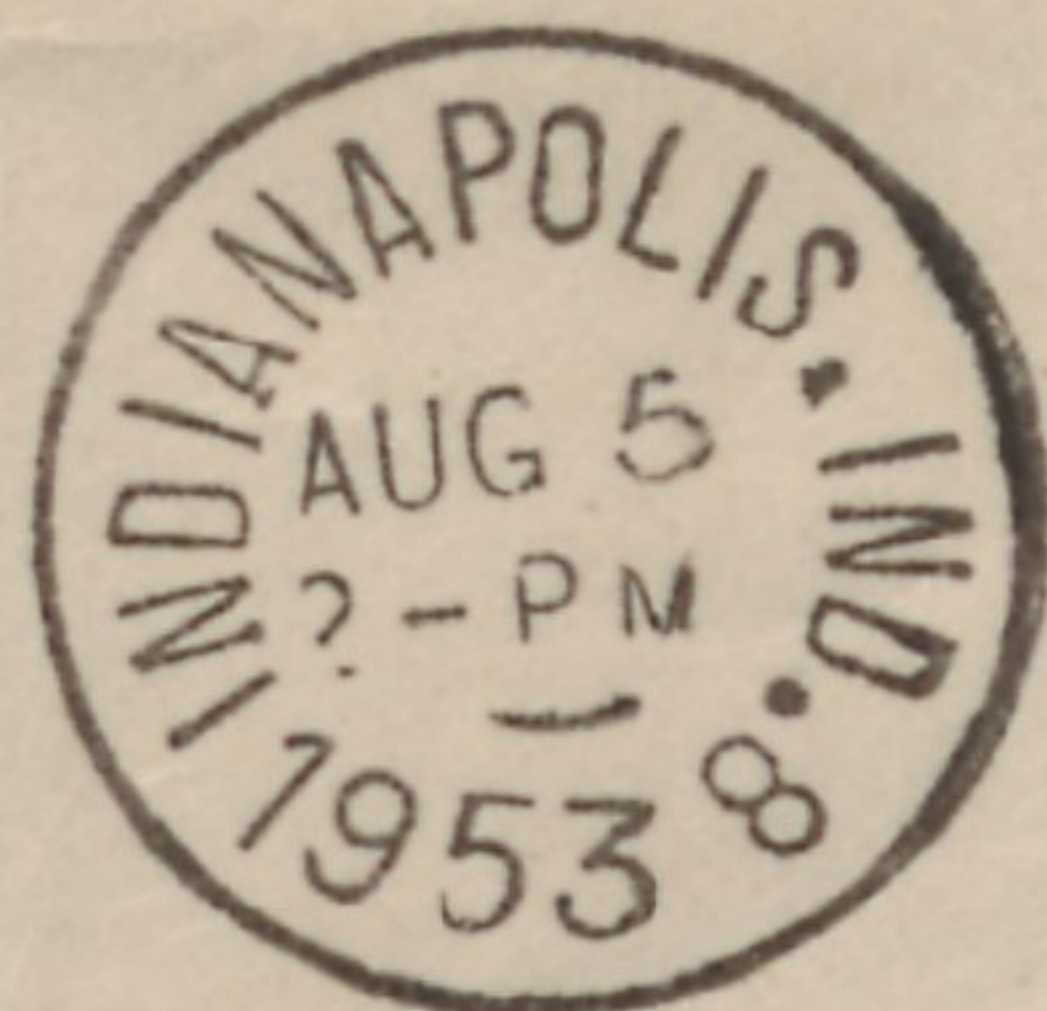
As we have no idea what is next, we are placed in a delicate situation. We are gambling that the next place might be more satisfactory for raising our family. (Of course our next place might be ~~totally~~ totally undesirable). Thus we can only hope that we are making the right decision, and that an other place might have a little more of what we are asking for. If I were single, Henry, my decision possible would be entirely different, but there is more than myself to consider.

Thank you again for the humble way your church and you received us as your guests. Most sincere wishes for your continued ministry in N. Carolina.

Your friend in Christ,
Bill Clark

P.S. Could you forward this message in form or in thought to Jack E. who was very kind to us.

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