December 2, 1935

Dear Mr. Bishop:

I am sending back to you by registered mail the records on Poland Union Seminary which you were kind enough to secure for me. I hope they reach you in good shape.

I have made as full notes on them as I need which is not so much. I need not tell you that I have been deeply interested in going over the records. It is the story of a devotion not only of one man but of a village to an enterprise in which they were all concerned. It touches me deeply.

The end was inevitable from the start. I think it was quite clear in the '60's that the High School with the growing number of colleges was going to crush out the Seminary as a cog in the educational system. Certainly in all those years the Poland Union Seminary, particularly in the time of Miss Blakelee, rendered fine and lasting service.

There are two or three questions I would like to ask you. I find in the first list of subscribers the name of Anna McKinley. What was her relation to William McKinley? I know that he was in the Seminary as a boy but I do not know whether his immediate family ever lived in Poland or not.

Again, was the Poland Sexton related to Mrs. William McKinley? And did Mrs. William McKinley's brother who was a partner in the tin plate works when Mr. Robert Walker lost his all ever live in Poland?

When I first wrote you I wrote to Mr. Moag whom I met at the Poland dinner. At that time he was on The Vindicator. I wanted very much to get from The Vindicator a little article which Judge Clark

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published on the failure of the Walker tin plate works. I have had no answer and take it that Mr. Moag has left Youngstown and perhaps The Vindicator went down in the depression. Is this true?. If it is still alive I will try to get somebody at the office to look up the article which I want.

I appreciate very much the trouble you have taken in my behalf. Please remember me to Mrs. Bishop and the family.

Very sincerely yours

P.S. Will you be good enough to give me the year in which the Seminary was turned over to the town for a High School. I do not find it in the records.

Mr. George Bishop
Poland, Ohio

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