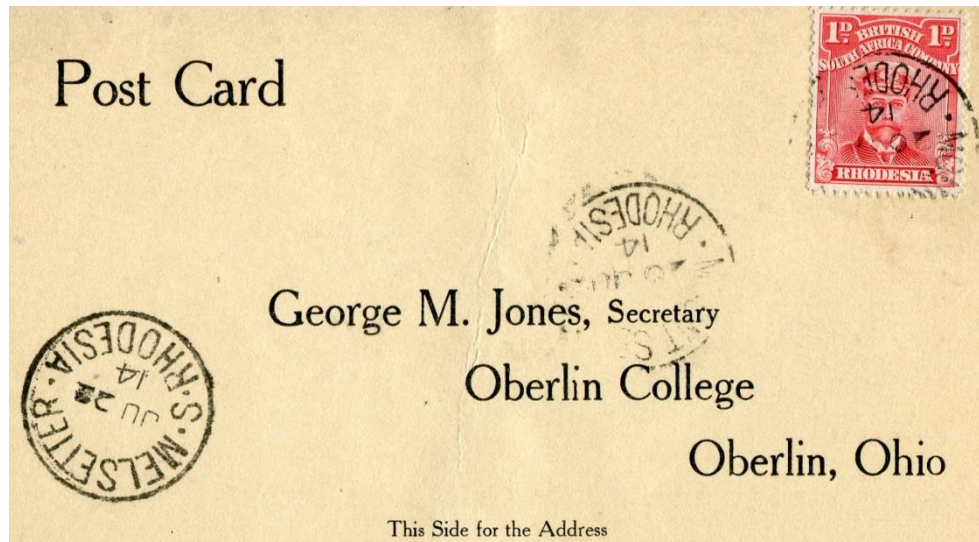


William Thompson missionary: American Board Mission at Mt Selinda

This item of postal history relating to this mission comes from one of the founders, Dr William Thompson. C.J. Zvobgo, from the Department of History, University of Zimbabwe, writes in 1986, in an article entitled: *Medical Missions: A neglected theme in Zimbabwe's history, 1893-1957* -

The first permanent medical mission staffed by a medical doctor began when Dr W.L. Thompson, a medical missionary of the American Congregational Church, opened a dispensary at Mount Selinda in 1893. A fellow American missionary, of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Dr William T. Lawrence, opened a small hospital at Chikore mission (about 400 km from Mt Selinda) in 1900. The dispensary at Mount Selinda was gradually expanded until it became a full-fledged hospital — the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital - which was formally opened in 1912.

The 1914 postcard featured here(MT SELINDA 20 JU / 14 and MELSETTER JU 22 / 14) is self-explanatory. Founded in 1833, Oberlin College is a private liberal arts college in Oberlin, Ohio, noteworthy for having been the first American institution of higher learning to regularly admit female and black students in addition to white males.



OBERLIN COLLEGE—Nomination for Alumni Trustee, 1915-1921

I hereby nominate Dr Dan D. Bradley as
a Candidate for Alumni Trustee, to succeed Dr. Dan F. Bradley, whose term expires
January 1, 1915.

W. L. Thompson '86
Here sign your name Class

Permanent address Mount Selinda, Rhodesia, Africa.
City or town State Street address

Temporary address _____
City or town State Street address

How long will this temporary address be used? _____