SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTAGE

This label was used for small letters within Sunday Schools. These letters would be sent to students as part of their lessons. The example shown here asks the recipient to answer a question about the Bible: "Please tell me how many miracles of Jesus are recorded in the New Testament".

AT RIGHT: REDUCED PHOTOCOPY OF LETTER ON COVER REVERSE

The stamps were meant to be generic - they were sold to and used by several different schools. A green handstamp reading "Sunday + School +" was usually used to cancel the stamps, and it is believed the handstamps were sold alongside the stamps by a Sunday school supply company. These handstamps are known with different school names in the center. Most of these Sunday schools are Baptist.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTAGE DRUMMOND : SSP1 RED (SHADE) ON WHITE GREEN "SUNDAY SCHOOL" HANDSTAMP CANCEL

The A. H. Eilers Company of St. Louis, Missouri is considered the likely manufacturer of these stamps. This company made supplies for churches and Sunday schools. While the company is most well known for making maps, they also produced collection envelopes, sewing patterns, and record books. A.H. Eilers had connections with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, and did printing projects for the organization.