

#### Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union general correspondence

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This is correspondence sent and received by Mary Evelyn Dobbs, corresponding secretary of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union from 1907 to 1939. The letters arrived from people across the state, including the presidents of county chapters of the KWCTU. Most correspondence relates to planned public speeches and visits intended to establish and support new branches of the KWCTU. There are also communications from the state organization to local units. Specific items include a letter dated July 1, 1918, from Dobbs to F.L. Pinet with a manuscript entitled "Early Factors in Kansas Prohibition" intended for publication in the Kansas Teacher, advertising contracts for the KWCTU periodical Our Messenger, and a letter written to Dobbs from Clara E. Keys, a WCTU missionary in Africa. One letter recognizes Mary Sibbitt as the organizer of comfort kits provided for soldiers at Fort Leavenworth. Sibbitt, known as the "Kansas Cyclone," was an founding officer of the International Association of Women Ministers. There are several other groups of official Kansas WCTU records on Kansas Memory. They can be found by selecting Collections - Manuscript - KWCTU/Mary Evelyn Dobbs.

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### The Kansas State Temperance Union

Kansas Department of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

(The Church in Action Against The Saloon.)

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Topeka, Kansas, November 25th, 1910.

My Dear Co-worker:

On Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6th and 7th, 1910, the Kansas State Temperance Union will meet in Annual Convention at Topeka, Kansas. Every Church, Sunday School, W. C. T. U., Christian Endeavor Society, Epworth League, or any other organization whose aims and purposes are in accord with our line of work, are urged to appoint three delegates, who will have a voice in the Convention.

Conditions are good in Kansas. The law is better enforced than ever before. Hundreds of small towns are clean, and the prohibitory law is seldom violated. In others there are bootleggers and sneaks who are studied, willful, chronic violators of law. Many of these men are the emissaries of brewers and distillers from Kansas City, Missouri. If these were all we had to contend with the task would be an easy one. We could take care of them in our Courts. The passing of stringent and far-reaching liquor laws and our success in enforcing them have attracted the attention of other States in our great Republic and the entire civilized world as well.

In addition another powerful organization has also taken notice; namely, the liquor men. Other states that are fighting the great liquor traffic are saying, "What Kansas has done we can do." The liquor men are saying, "Kansas must be stopped in her fight against the saloon or we will have to stop." Both are right in their conclusions. Both are reasonable and logical. The liquor men are fighting for their lives. They were forced to fight, they know what the first great move to be made is, if they are to win, and they are getting ready for the fray.

"The Manufacturers and Business Men's Association"—so-called—has established headquarters in the Capital City of Kansas. It is a branch of the brewers and distillers' National Organization. Its avowed purpose is to elect men who are opposed to our liquor laws and to use every possible means to bring about resubmission. Read the enclosed extracts from Ferd Heim's statement as published in the Topeka Daily Capital of November 10th, and also the statements of Earl B. Rose, as published in the Kansas City Journal of November 18th. These two men, one from Kansas City, Missouri, the other from Milwaukee, are leaders for the brewers in their fight against prohibition.

What does it all mean? Our great leaders believe that a real fight is coming. Forwarned ought to be forearmed. The danger is real, yet the only real danger is to ignore the danger. Come to the Convention and help us plan for the fight that must come. Officers are to be chosen, committees to be appointed, plans to be drawn, and a campaign mapped out. Our program is choice. In addition to the best our State affords the Rev. D. C. Milner of Chicago, and Hon. Wayne B. Wheeler, Superintendent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League and Attorney for the Legislative Committee at Washington, D. C., will be with us.

Come yourself and urge others to come. We need all the help we can get.

Lovingly yours,

Frank, M. Stahl
Superintendent.

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#### THREATS FROM THE OUTSIDE ... WHAT WILL KANSAS DO?

#### "Kansas is Going to Be Wet," Says Brewer Heim.

Kansas will be a wet State in two years more, if persistent and aggressive warfare on the part of the brewery interests can effect it.

The liquor interests claim all the credit for the reduced majority given to Governor Stubbs at the polls yesterday. When J. J. Heim, the Kansas City brewer, heard last night that Stubbs had been defeated, he

"That shows what the breweries can do. Stubbs is beaten in Kansas and the breweries did it."

Later returns forced him to amend his statement, but he still was jubilant this morning.

"We did not quite beat Stubbs, but it was only because we didn't work hard enough and didn't have quite time enough. If we had had six weeks more we would have snowed him under.

"Two years from now the story will be different. Kansas is going to be wet, and the brewers are going to make it so. Our organization in the State will be mainmake it so. Our organization in the State will be maintained until we win. We have gone into the fight to stay, and we will not quit until we have squared things with the persons over there who have held us up, robbed as for the past fifteen or twenty years.

"You bet the returns from Kansas this year show what the breweries can do, and nothing else."

Six weeks before the election, when it was announced that the brewery interests had established an organization in Kansas and entered upon a campaign for resubmission, it was generally believed that it was intended only to "muddy the water" and distract attention from the prohibition campaign in Missouri. That, Mr. Heim indicated, was not the case.

"We simply decided that the time had come to make a fight. We had waited long enough."—Topeka Daily Capital, November 10th, 1910.

#### "Four to Six Years to Make Kansas Wet," Predicts Earl B. Rose.

The National Association of Manufacturers and Business Men will keep up its fight to make Kansas "wet" was the statement made today by Earl B. Rose, Secretary of that organization. He thought it would take from four to six years before a vote could be procured

Rose said that already the Association had established offices in about sixty large cities and towns of the State and before the first of the year would establish ten or a dozen other branch offices. Then the work will be taken up in small towns and continued until the Association is confident that it can not win in the State or that Kansas wants open saloons.

Commencing next month, a speech-making campaign will be started in Kansas by members of the Manufacturers and Business Men's Association. This will be continued throughout the winter and perhaps much longer. Mr. Rose himself will take the stump and will spend a week making speeches in Topeka and Shawnee county. He will open his meetings in Topeka, Monday, December 5th. Perhaps a dozen other speakers will be placed in the State.

When asked if resubmission in Kansas would be an issue in the 1912 campaign, Rose replied that he did not

"Prohibition has been established longer and has a better organization in this State than anywhere else in the Union," replied Rose, "and it will take more time to win here than in other States. The politicians talk for prohibition in Kansas because they think the people want it, and the newspapers are editorially for the law, because they think the politicians are guessing right." Kansas City Journal, November 18th, 1910.

What does it all mean? Our great leaders believe that a real fight is coming. Forewarned ought to be forearmed. The danger is real, yet the only real danger is to ignore the danger. The people of Kansas have been thirty years in building a State that has challenged the admiration of the world. At the same time it has attracted the attention of the liquor interests. They have declared war. Have openly stated what they propose to do. Their methods, their war-cry, their slogan, will be "Anything to Win."

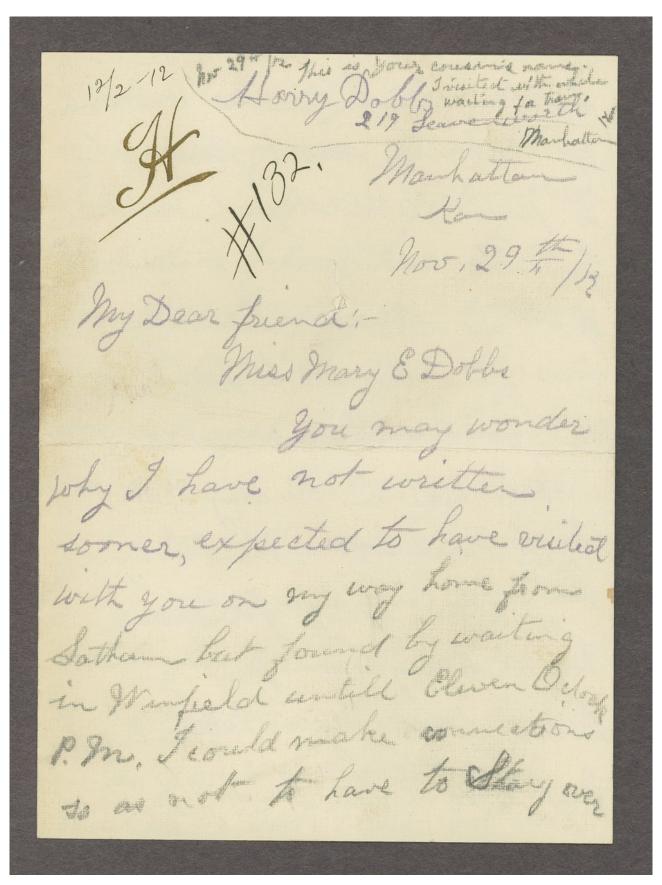
Kansas in all her history has never failed to win when the clash of arms came. It is not the first time her border has been crossed by an outside foe. Vet she has never faced a foe as dangerous, as real, as determined, and as aggressive as the one with headquarters in the Capital City of Kansas. The world will watch and wait for the result. It's up to Kansas. It's up to you, to make good. It was only when men slept that the enemy sowed tares. No real danger if we keep awake and watch while we pray.

Yours for Kansas,

Frank, M. Stahl

Superintendent State Temperance Union.



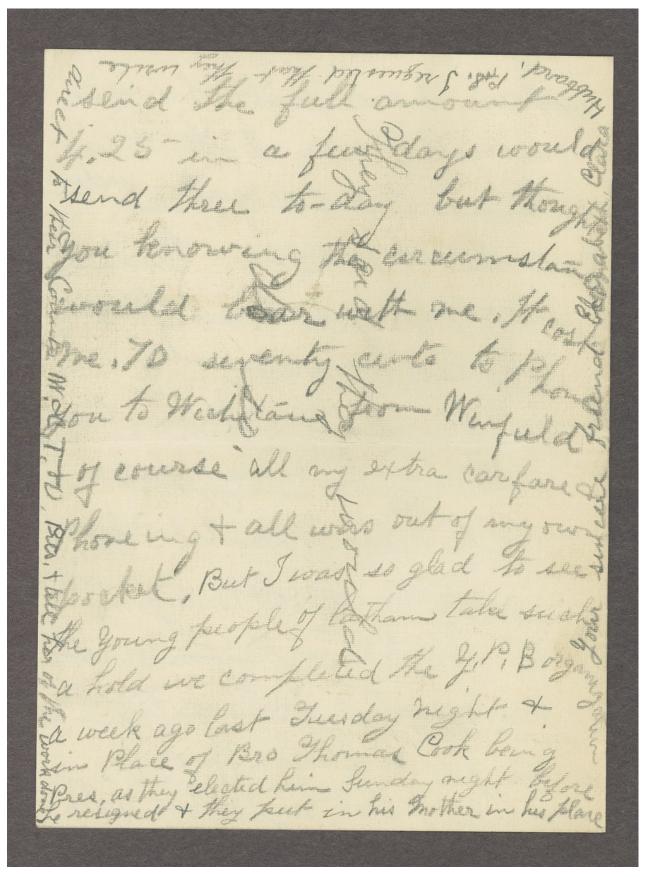




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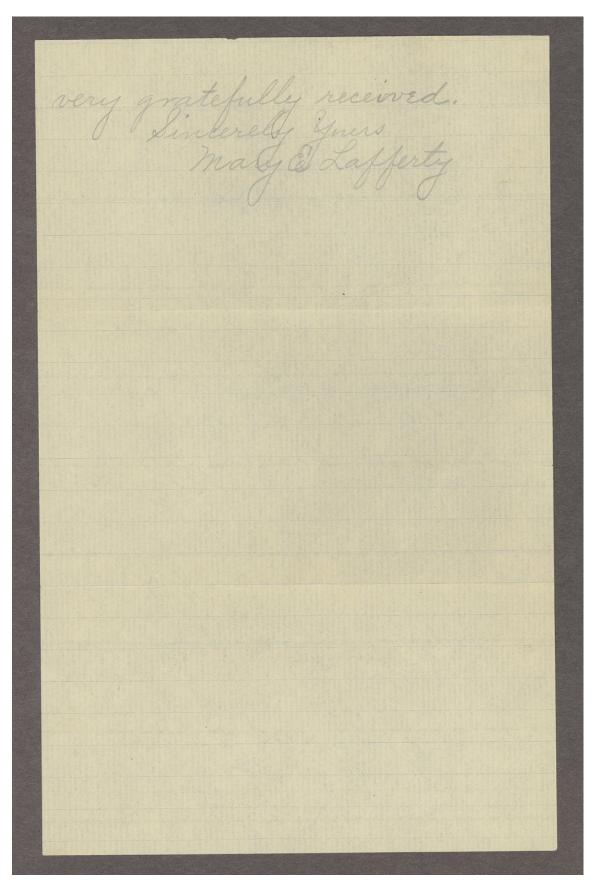


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June 6. 1916

My dear Mrs Parker:

Your letter of some days ago at hand and on my desk awaiting answer. I have been exceedingly busy with the work and have not had time to go over your manuscript until last night when I took time to go over it carefully.

I thonk that you have expressed yourself very well and that you can present the work in a manner that will be acceptable to those to whom you may present it.

I am wondering if you could not get up a paper that would bring up the great value of the W.C.T.U. from the edu cational veiwpoint that would meet the objections of the people who do not realize any but the law enchorcement and reform phases of the work and do not recognize the great work that we are emphasizing most the educational and constructive work.

I believe that your idea of the worker who can go into a community and build up a good strong union that will stand not because of the enthusiasm of the hour but because of the grounding in the real principles and work of the organization is what is needed more than any thing elzse. We need the eloquent speakers of course- they have their place- but the worker who can follow and crystalize the sentiment that have aroused into an active working force is what is needed.

I know that you know the departments and I believe that if you could prepare yourself for house to house work and institute or teaching work, making a specialty ofbringing out the constructive side rather than the rescue work that it would appeal to the people greatly and that you couls win many persons for the ranks of out organization.

I shall be fglad to give you a trial at this and prove what you can do. I believe that if you can go from place to place and meet the people in their homes and present the work then you could get them to a meeting that would result in an organization.

I fear that too oftern our unions are organized on the sput of enthusiasm of the spacker who has brought to them an enthusiastic message and who have not done the real foundation work needed for the steady every day work that is the real test of the force of the union.

I hope that it will be possible for you to do this kind of work . I believe that you should begin it in your own county and



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district. Take some of the weak unions and go to them and build tham up with this kind of work. Are you willing to trybit? of course you would need in some way to get financial returns for the state from the work but I believe that this could be done when you get some of the people interested. Get them to see the need of the work that the W.C.T.U. is doing and that it can do.

I hope that you will condider this carefully and then be ready for a proposition for the work. I can offer you \$40per month and expenses in the field. I will try to get entertainment for youwhere ever possible and this will lessen expenses.

Would you be willing to go so e distance from your home to do the work. There are places where the work is needed that you might be able to do it.

Let me hear from you again on the matter and I will have some definite work planned gor you if you can accept the proposition.

there are whole counties that need to be built and worked up into a unit for the cause. I could place you in some of these counties and say now get results. You may have to plan out the work aftergetting on the ground but it would pay. You will note how many now unions have been prganized this year. Many of these have been formed in this way and many of themmneed the presente of the follow up worker who will help them to become firmly stablished.

Hoping to hear from you soon on the matter I am,

Yours lovingly.



[C. May 1916]
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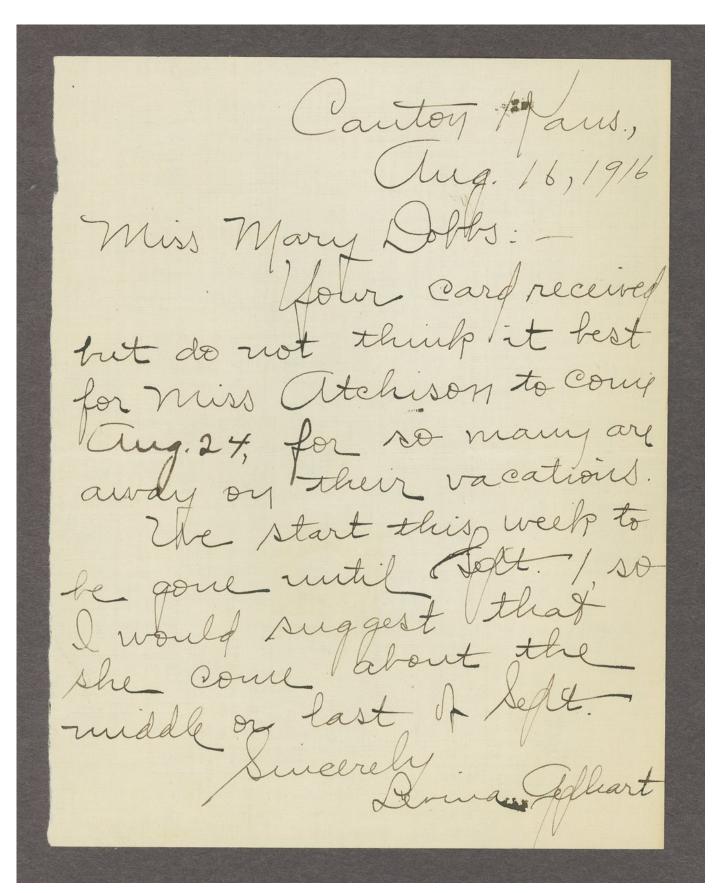




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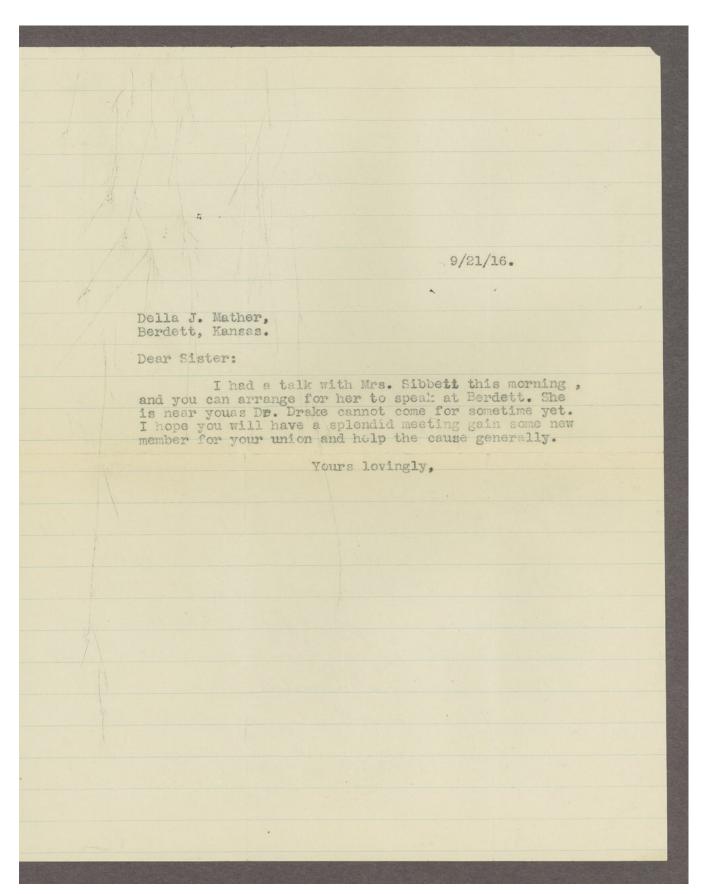


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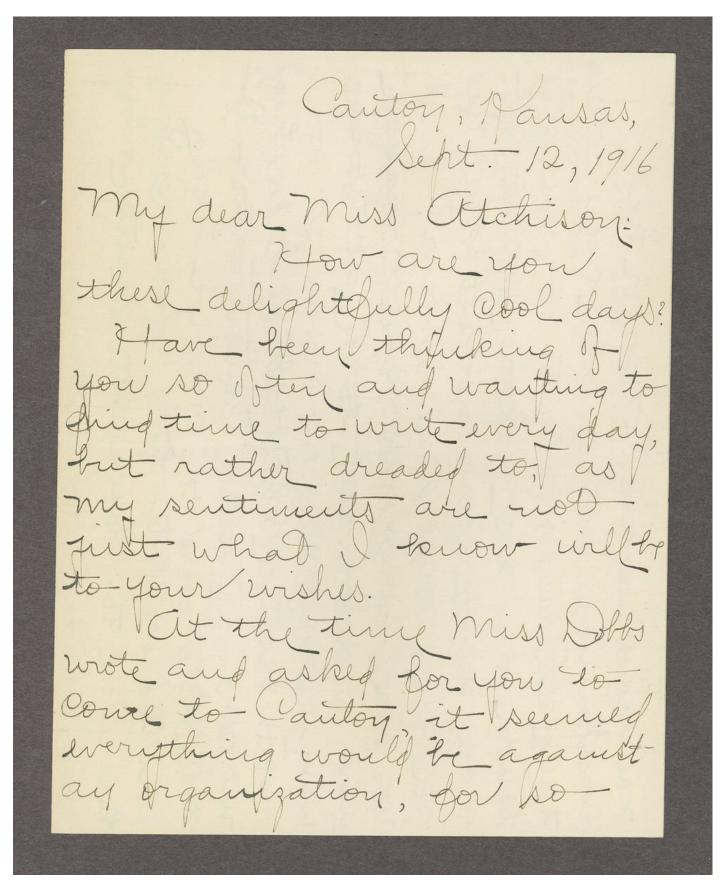


Burdett Kansas
Miss Mary E. Dobbs, 19, 1916
Miss Mary E. Dobbs,
Wichita, Fans.
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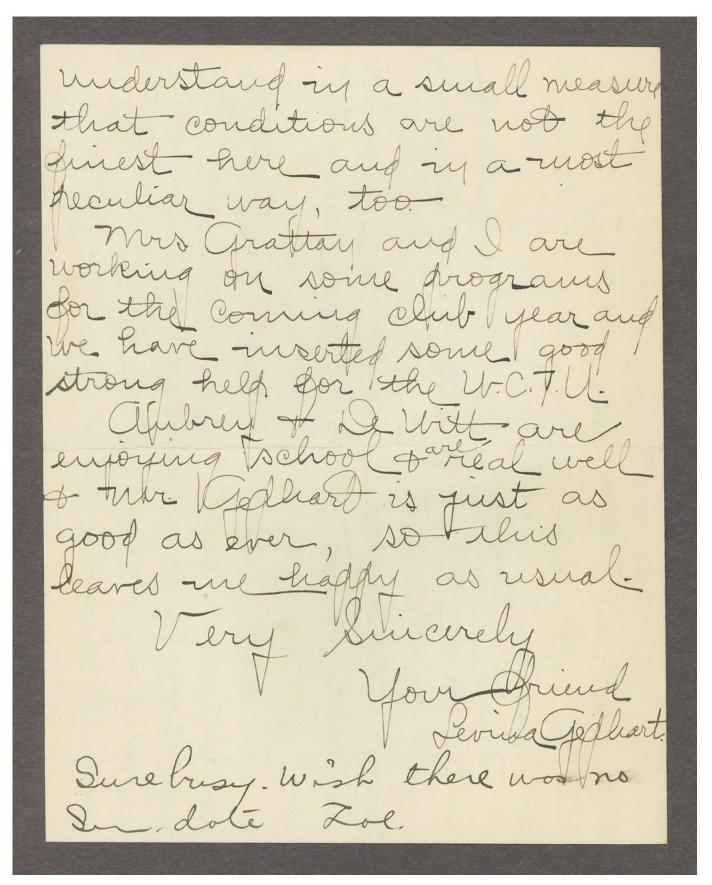






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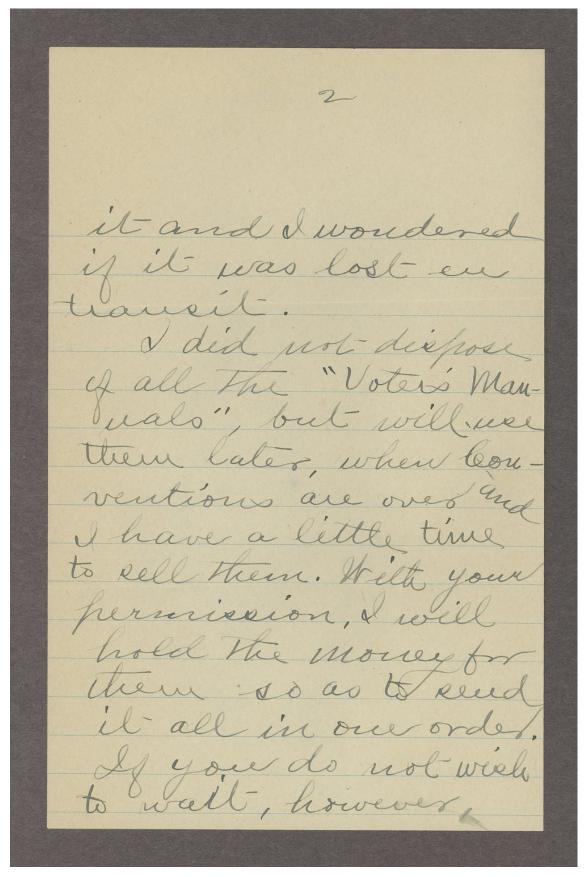




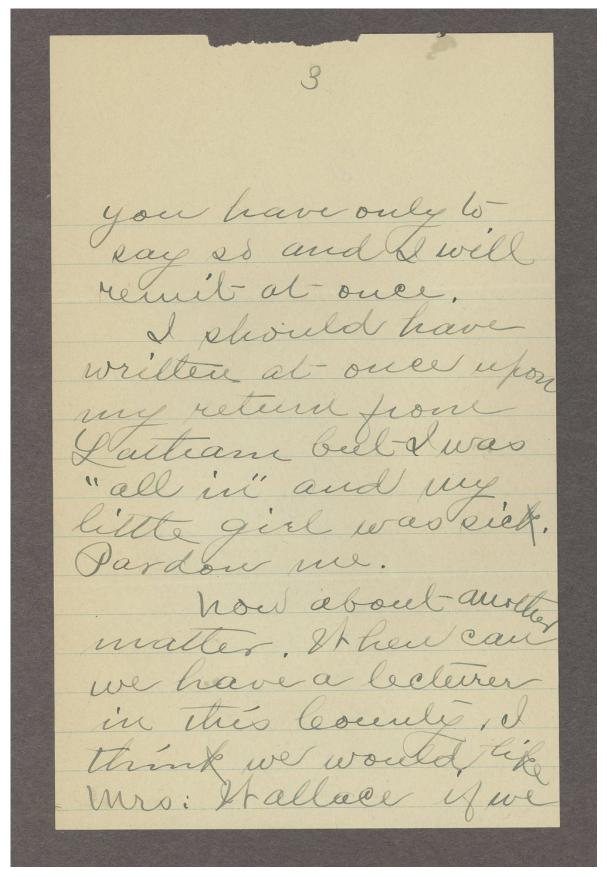


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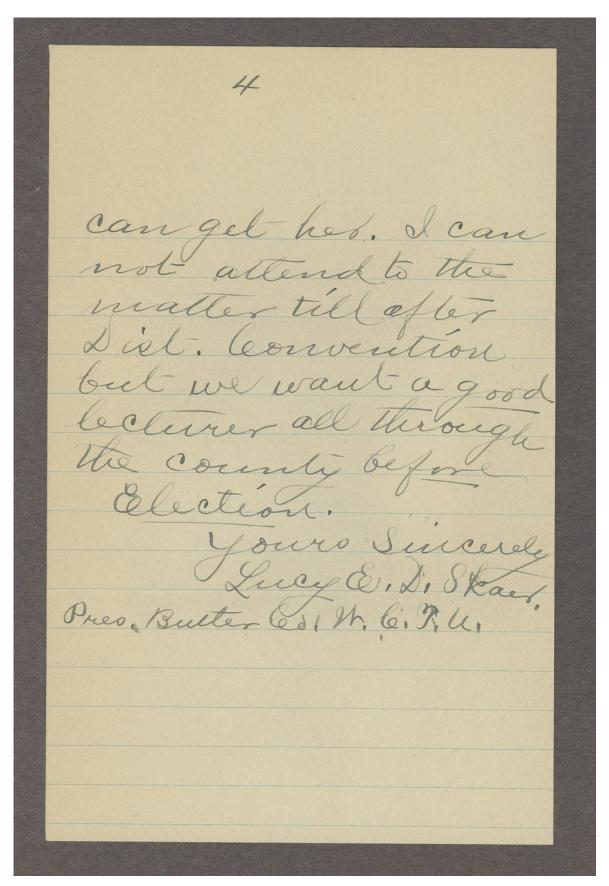














"That in all things God might have the pre-eminence."				
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