

## Temperance history correspondence

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This correspondence was sent and received by Kansas State Temperance Union secretaries Rev. J. E. Everett and Rev. W. L. Dexter. Correspondents include Howard H. Russell, Superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, Rev. H. W. Chaffee and Rev. C. S. Nusbaum of the Ottawa Chautauqua Assembly, Harry A. Caton, Mayor of Winfield, Woman's Christian Temperance Union representatives from several states, and several members of Congress. Included are subscription lists with members' names from several counties including Brown, Butler, Jackson, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, and Reno. Much of the correspondence concerns efforts to advance anti-liquor agendas in local, state, and national politics. Although Kansas was the first state to adopt a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in 1880, the law was largely unenforced.

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REPRESENTATIVE OF  
Loan Department  
OF  
THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,  
OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 5, 1903.

The State Temperance Union,

Topeka, Kansas,

Gentlemen,--- Replying to your favor of September 3, will say that I am not in a position at this time to make a donation, yet I am willing always to do what I can for the Temperance Cause. I must say that I have not yet been able to see the benefits of this Union and I am afraid there are too many preachers on its executive committee to do anything that is practical or of practical benefit. The executive committee is ten times as large as it should be for business. I have done business enough in this world to know that a committee composed principally of women and preachers, is the most useless body that could be brought together in a work of this sort and I do not believe that it was intended that they should do much or it would not have been organized in that manner.

Your <sup>legal</sup> advisory committee is a good one and I believe capable of the most satisfactory work in their line. Now it seems to me, that there is ~~not~~ one piece of work, that you could do without cost, that would be of the greatest benefit. We have a law on our Statute books that makes the possession of a revenue stamp prima facie <sup>evidence of</sup> the sale of liquor, yet it is a well known fact that Jim Simpson permits holders of these licenses to conceal them contrary to law and issues the licenses to fictitious persons. So far as I am aware there has been no effort on the part of anyone to remedy this. I think all that would be necessary would be to call the President's attention to it.





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Judge Martin of Hutchinson, who was one of the delegates to the last National Convention, is going to Washington this fall, and expressed to me, a willingness to present the matter to the President and the Interior Department and have the practice stopped. Another thing I noticed, no effort was made by the Union to defeat any of the Supreme judges, yet it was known that every one of them, without an exception, were strongly in favor of the violation of the prohibitory law. It seems to me that money would be much better spent in furnishing evidence of this sort, when a whiskey man is up for that office, than in most any other way.

Do not understand that I am finding fault as I do not pretend to know how your efforts are directed, but these are, as I think practical suggestions and would not cost very heavily.

Sincerely yours,

*C. L. Vaughan.*



V. B. BELL, PRESIDENT, KANSAS CITY, MO.

S. H. WILSON, VICE PRESIDENT.

R. A. LONG, SEC. AND GEN'L MANAGER,  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

## 10 Long-Bell Lumber Company.

SEWARD B. DAVIS, Agent, Sedan, Kansas.

SEDAN, KANSAS, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1908

J. E. Everett

Topeka Kans

Dear Sir

The Legislature while in Session last winter, Enacted some new Legislation to the Prohibitory Law, Will you please Refer to Chapter 339, Relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and Read that part in Reference to the Fees of the Probate Judge,

Our Probate Judge here construes the Reading of the Law to mean. That unless he grants Permits for the Sale of Liquors, to Drug Stores that he is entirely cut out of the Salary attached to Office, as originally intended,

That if he should set for a week and hear Petitions coming before him, and then Refuse to grant them that he is cut out of the Salary. In order to entitle him to the Salary he must grant at least one Petition. Will you please Refer this Question to the Atty Genl for his construction of it, and advise me. and Oblige

Yours Truly Seward B. Davis



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Redlands, Cal. July 11, 1873,

Rev. J. E. Everett,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Brother:—

The excuse for delay lies in the uncertainty of things. Since coming home rheumatism in an aggravated form has been my constant companion. It is now in the joint of the right knee. What the outcome is to be is as yet an unsolved problem. As soon as I get on my legs (or leg) can be definite touching Kansas work.

Mrs. Scott believes that your proposition will not be acceded to by the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Hutchinson said, when the matter of Kansas was discussed at her home, that she had spoken, or written, Mr. Stephens in reference



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to this very question, and had  
propounded some sort of a plan  
by which harmony and unity  
of purpose would or could be  
arranged, "division of spoils"  
adjusted, &c. Please call the  
attention of Bro. Stephens to  
this feature of the case. If he  
has not already acquainted  
you with it perhaps a solution  
is herein at hand.

With best wishes for your  
personally, and trusting suc-  
cess will attend every effort  
of the K. S. T. U. I am as ever  
Yours Most Cordially  
E. J. Scott.



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Herrington Ks July 16th 1903.

Rev J.E. Everett  
Sec Kansas State Temperance U.

Dear Sir: -

Your letter of inquiry concerning law enforcement efforts in Wyandotte County participated in by me came to hand.

On April 1st 1901, under employment by the Law Enforcement League of Wyandotte County and the W.C. T.U. of Kansas City, Kansas I brought ten injunction suits against ten jointists in



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Kansas City, uniting in each case the owner of the buildings. Demurrers were filed against the petitions in each case and sustained by the District Court. Proceedings in error were instituted in one of these cases in the Supreme Court. And as every one is aware that court declared the injunction clause of the Prohibitory Law to be inoperative, holding that it was repealed by the Hurrell law. This decision being based on grammar and punctuation.



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more than law.

Outside of the question of repeal I encountered many obstacles, all of which now stand in the way of law enforcement. And a brief mention of some of the leading ones may be of value to <sup>The</sup> ~~your~~ Union

— Obstacles —

1. Witnesses are not required to attend court, as the injunction proceeding is a civil remedy, unless their fees and mileage are paid or tendered. in case they demand them.



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2. The collector of internal Revenue of the United States will not furnish certified copies of the applications on file in his office made by liquor dealers for the purpose of securing the Special Revenue Tax Stamps, even, on payment of fees therefor.
3. The Collector above named will not in response to a subpoena produce his books and records in Court and State Courts have no power to compel



his attendance or the  
production of said records.

4. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue will not issue a special order or permission to the Collector to furnish certified copies of books, records or documents.

5. District Courts may refuse to issue an injunction at the commencement of the action, until notice of the same has been given and a full



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hearing had thereon, or  
affidavits.

6. There is no way to com-  
pel the witnesses on  
whom the prosecution  
relies to make their  
affidavits, except at  
the instance of the  
County Attorney.

7. District Courts at the  
hearing of an applica-  
tion for a temporary  
injunction may refuse  
the prosecution to offer  
~~the~~ oral testimony, but



require affidavits and  
other written testimony.

8. If the District Court for  
any reason decides against  
the State, and proceeding  
in error is instituted  
in the Supreme Court, if  
the proceeding is brought  
by a citizen of the County  
the Supreme Court requires  
a deposit of five dollars  
and a bond for costs.

9. At the hearing of such  
an application the re-  
quire the Clerk to docket



such proceeding in error  
in the Supreme Court, the  
Attorney General of the  
State appears and con-  
tends that it is not  
a proceeding brought by  
the State and that  
the "Citizen" must advance  
the deposit and file the  
bond.

10. Witnesses are approached  
by the jointist. and are  
bribed, threatened, assault-  
ed, and boycotted. and  
many times are not on hand  
when wanted.



11. While the law seems plain and it is generally supposed that the "Attorney General, County Attorney or Any Citizen of the County" may bring the injunction proceedings, and "that no bond is required," yet the Courts usually tax the costs to this Citizen and compel him to hire his own lawyer, advance fees for his own witnesses, lose his own time. In addition to that he is brow beaten, denounced, and vilified in Courts and is never treated like a man.



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12. Politics, the great stumbling block in way of moral reform and law enforcement, dominates and controls most of the public offices of our State. Men, "whom the lust of office cannot tempt" in every other public work, generally fail when it comes to the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Hoping for the "dawning of the day" when laws will be respected in our State  
I am yours for the





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Cause of Temperance  
and moral and social  
purity in our State  
J M McCall





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Assembly Dates, July 6 to 17, 1903.



Twenty-fifth Anniversary—Silver Wedding.

July 19, 1903.

Rev. Mr. Everett,  
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Brother Everett:

Your letter and Mr. Larimere's letter regarding the secretaryship of the State Temperance Union are received. I have not answered because I have waited to think and pray about this matter very seriously. I recognize the opportunity for service. I know it is a great field but I cannot get the consent of my mind to either think that I am the man for the place or that I can assume such responsibilities and undertake such a great work. I could not possibly take the office before later in the fall if I should even consent to try it.

My salary, I fear would have to be more than you think. I get \$1900 from my church, \$300 from the Assembly and my perquisites in weddings and funerals amount to at least \$200, so you see I could not, from a salary stand point, take it for less than \$2500 and I know that is too much. I do not see now how the adjustment could be made.

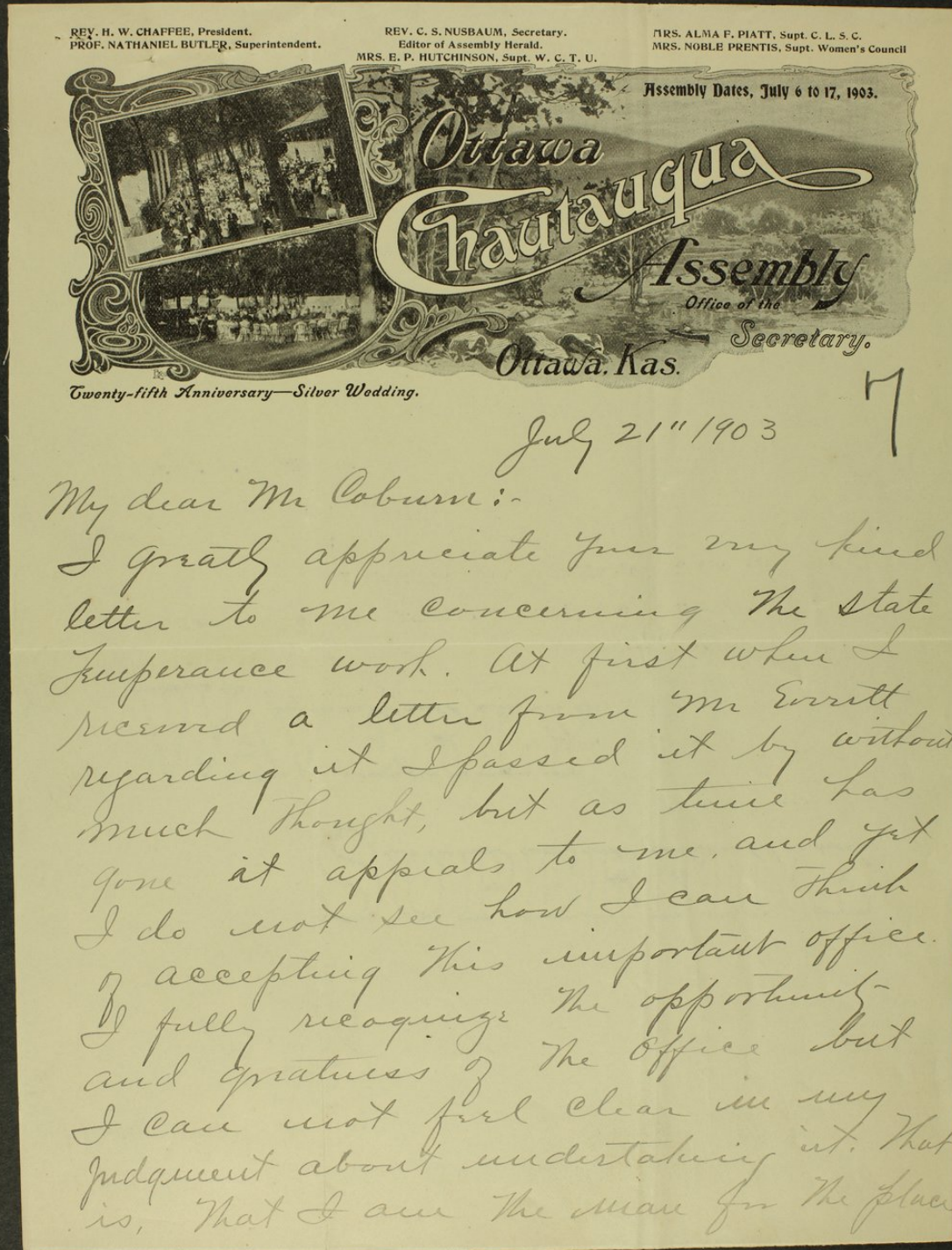
I hope to see you soon and talk the matter over with you.

Yours faithfully,

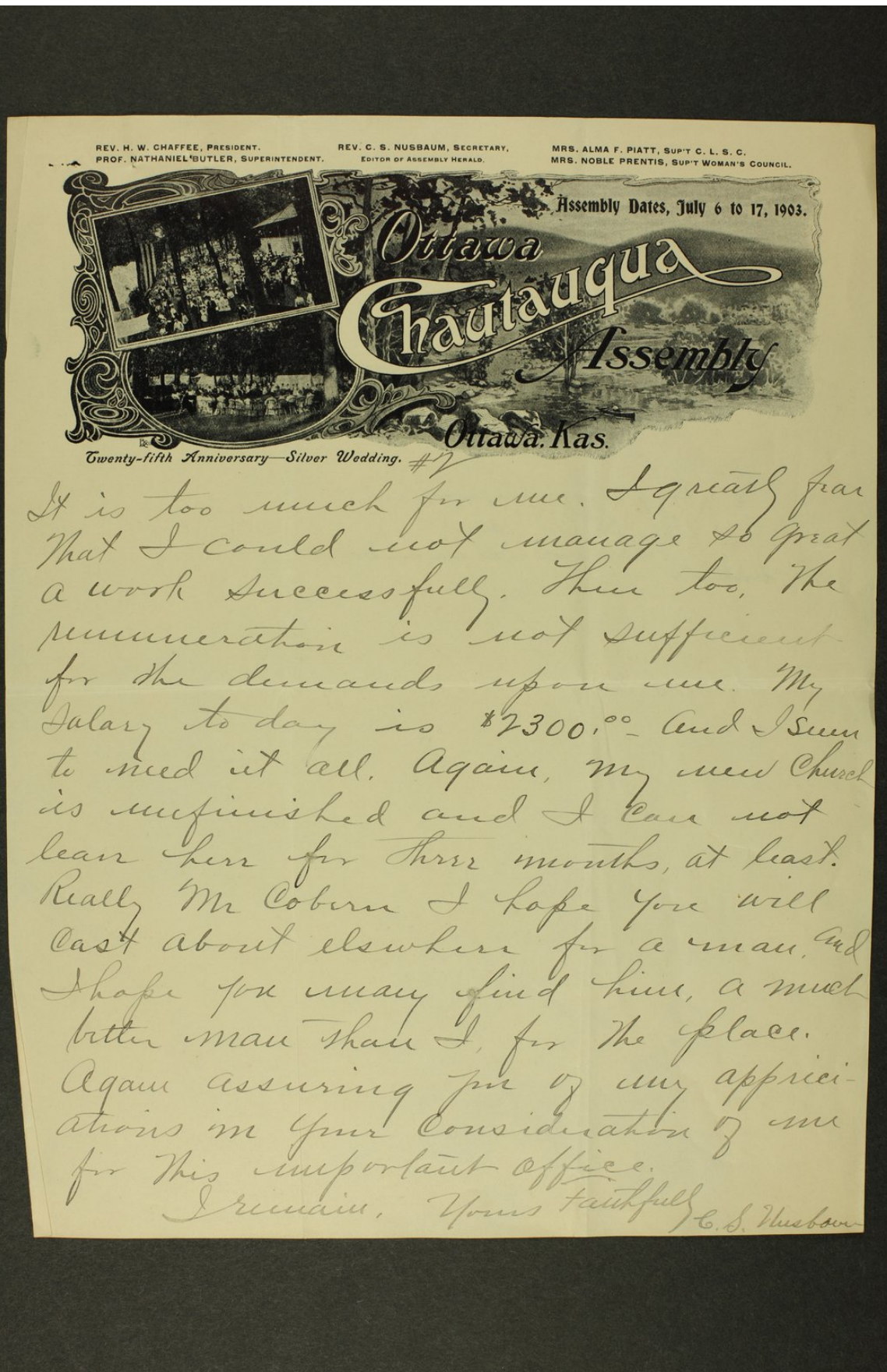
*Please see Mr. Larimere for me,*

*G. S. Nusbaum*













W. L. DEXTER,

Pastor M. E. Church.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

WINFIELD DISTRICT.

CALDWELL, KAS., 7-25-1903

Rev J. E. Everett,  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir and Bro:-

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst  
was received day before yes-  
terday, you will pardon delay  
as I desired a little time to  
give the matter contained in  
it some consideration before  
answering. I was greatly  
surprised at receiving the  
communication, and get  
appreciate the compliment  
paid me very highly. I only  
wish that I was sure that  
Prof. Wiley was in a position  
to judge correctly of my  
qualifications for the position.



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I have placed the matter before Senator Simons and Prof. Swain of this place, who are in a position to know more about my fitness, and they urge me to let my name come before the committee. I have brought the matter before the Lord and the leadings seem to be that way. I have had some experience in the west as an organizer and leader that might be valuable to me in the work. The cause of temperance is very near my heart and I desire to reach the place





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of greatest usefulness in the work, yet you are in a position to know something of what it means for a preacher to drop out of a very successful pastorate into another field of work. I do desire to be led of the Lord and not gratify any personal ambition of my own. If you will give me a little light as to the duties of the office, I will then give you a definite answer. Will you please answer the following questions.

(1) How much field work is required?



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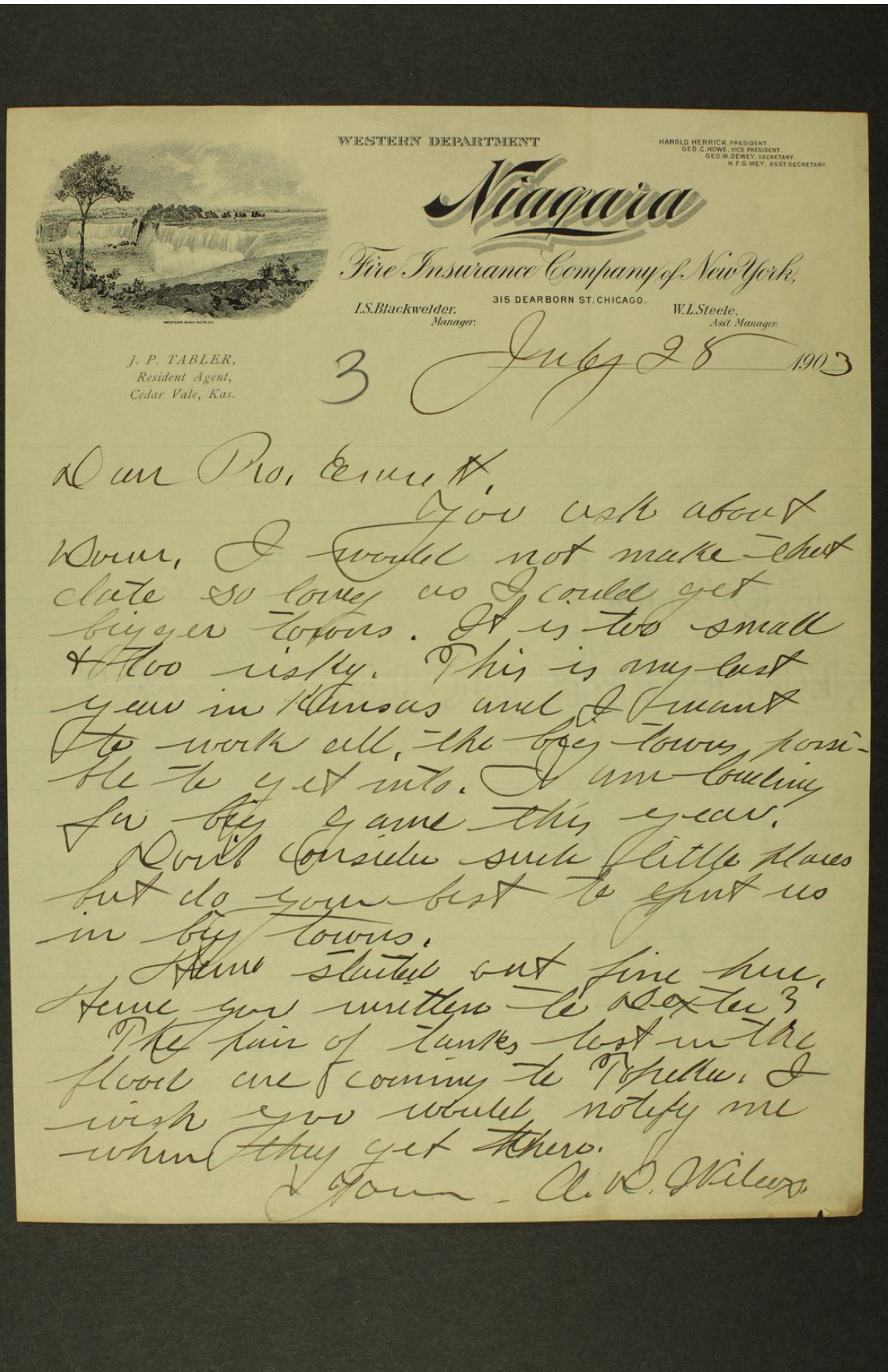
- 12) Of what does the office work consist?  
13) Does the secretary edit the  
Kansas Issue?

14) When would I be expected  
to assume the duties if elected?  
I do not ask these questions  
because I am afraid of  
hard work, but desire to  
know just what would be  
expected of me in the event  
of my election. Any additional  
light that you can give me  
will be appreciated. With  
best wishes and thanking  
you for favors, I remain.

Yours Fraternally,

W. L. Dexter.









"BEHOLD I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE  
AN OPEN DOOR, AND NO MAN  
CAN SHUT IT."

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KbK July 28. 1903

J. E. Everett  
Sec. State Temperance Union

Dear Sir;

Your favor of July 23. came duly to hand. That I have been tardy in answering is because I have been awaiting developments..

After the joints having been closed from May 31 to June 23, they were allowed to open their side doors. See my communication in Our Messenger for July under the heading "A good thing" Since that day joints have been running and according to the K. C. Star collecting \$50.00 per month fine - Slot machines were ordered out. Some were turned to the wall and at a convenient season were worked on the sly -





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During Mayor Gilberts absence from the city the Council passed an order instructing the chief of Police to enforce the law. He said he had not been able to find any slot machines running, when many persons had seen them. In fact, the Mayor seems to have no back bone. He issues an order and the officers do as they please about enforcing. There is some quiet work being done by the Law and Order League - that cannot be made public now. You, with your wide experience will understand this. You have noticed the statements of one W. L. Woods. How he is going to annihilate certain points. I am not acquainted with the gentlemen but





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those who have known him for years  
have little faith in the outcome.  
Personally, I am glad for every effort that  
sets the great enemy on the defensive.  
At a meeting of the Law and Order  
League last night, I was requested  
to ask you to interview Atty.-Gen'l  
Coleman, and ask him if he will  
be willing to bring quo warrants  
proceedings against one or two of  
our County and City officials. We  
can do nothing through our County  
Attorney - The Mayor refuses to enforce  
the law. The League wants to know if  
the Attorney General will stand by us  
providing we bring a good strong  
case. You see at once that proceeding  
brought against these officers in this  
city will have a wonderful influence  
over the state.





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There is a great awakening among the people here. Church people voted for Mr. Gilbert believing he would enforce the law. And now that he does not, they want something done.

We spent a great deal of precious time and money trying to get Co. Atts Enright to do his duty - And now we propose to go straight for the officer - They do not need to be told, "They don't live in Missouri."

I entered a joint myself on the corner of Minnesota Ave. July 23. Men + boys were filling up. As I stepped out side I said, "They're running wide open here. Other joints must keep their front doors closed but the proprietor here stands in with the officials evidently."





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Our League meets again next Monday  
evening Aug. 3. And we would like  
to know the result of your interview  
as soon as possible. at least, by Aug.  
3. We have a good lawyer employed  
and expect to add other ~~to~~ talent  
It really means a fight for the State  
If we win it means every thing  
for our splendid law.

Hoping I have not wearied you  
and that you we will hear from  
you promptly I am,

Respectfully yours  
in the tearing down of the demon rum  
Sena Hartzell Wallace.





### *American Anti-Saloon League,*

*Organized at Washington, 18 Dec. 1895.*

*Luther B. Wilson, D. D., President.*

*Office of Jas. L. Ewin,*

*Howard H. Russell, D. D., General Superintendent.*

*Corresponding Secretary,*

*Edwin C. Dinwiddie, A. M., Legislative Superintendent.*

*900 F Street, N. W.*

[Form A 1902.]

*Washington, D. C., 31 July, 1903 ~~1902~~*

To the State Superintendents,

Greeting: At a meeting of the National Executive Committee the 26th of March, 1903, it was voted:

That State Superintendents be requested to furnish to the Headquarters Committee STATEMENTS OF PROGRESS the 15th of May and the 15th of September for submission to the Executive Committee at its respective stated meetings.

The next stated meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at Washington, D. C., the 30th of September, 1903.

The Chairman of the Headquarters Committee is Rev. E. A. Baker, New Haydn Building, Columbus, Ohio.

Above information was not forwarded to you in time for the May report for lack of a reliable list of Superintendents. I trust it will now reach all who should receive it and that it will meet with a hearty response.

The idea of the Executive Committee is not a statistical report or anything adding materially to the known heavy labors of the Superintendents, but a brief statement of progress showing that the League is alive and at work and the lines of work receiving special attention at the time.

I am sure you will agree with the Executive Committee that such occasional reports will be mutually helpful and inspiring.

Your brother and servant against the saloon,

*Jas. L. Ewin,*  
Corresponding Secretary.