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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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than I dare do. Rev. Mr. Merrifield would command him I don't doubt but might no doubt be able to say some very good things truthfully in his favor. He is the Pastor of the Free Methodist Church here. On you will find the most honest & reliable estimate of the men from Rev. L. D. Jones our Pastor at Humboldt Kas. in our County & President of our County Temperance Order here.

Of course I understand that these matters are confidential. From myself I do believe in intense enthusiasm in the Temperance cause & have great admiration for the men who have it; but such a man

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cannot afford not to have sense.
I like your Convention program -
it is fine - the spirit, the sense,
the legitimate critique of it,
as far as I know the material
you make use of.

Please accept the pleasure for
the state work on as you
wish to use it.

Sincerely,
John MacLean.

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ARTHUR CLARK.

Coffeyville, Kansas, Jan'y 2d. 1903

Rev. J. E. Everett,
Topeka, Kans.

My Dear Brother:-

I left Liberty this afternoon
am en route to Lyro. Leave here
tomorrow a.m. in time, if possible,
to hold a forenoon service.

Concerning Liberty it is com-
monly known as one of the toughest
towns hereabouts. Let the church
M.E., the only Protestant body there,
was crowded nightly. No more
profitable meetings have ever
held in Kansas. Besides forming
a W.C.T.U. with 23 members now,
an auxiliary of the men's Anti-
Spirit Club was organized, and
more fifty total abstinence
pledges signed, and a general
standing up of die bones all
around. It is now thought

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that dry ticket will win. Think of a "wet ticket - slack-a-day!" in a prohibition state and constitutionally so, too!!!

Lyon is a town or hamlet of some 100 souls. Yet they are active & alert, full of vim, so we are told. A farming country thereabouts may help to swell the turnout.

I have lost ten pounds of flesh since coming to Kansas. I keep on will be a skeleton. Mrs Scott joins in best regards.

Yours for victory
E. T. Scott

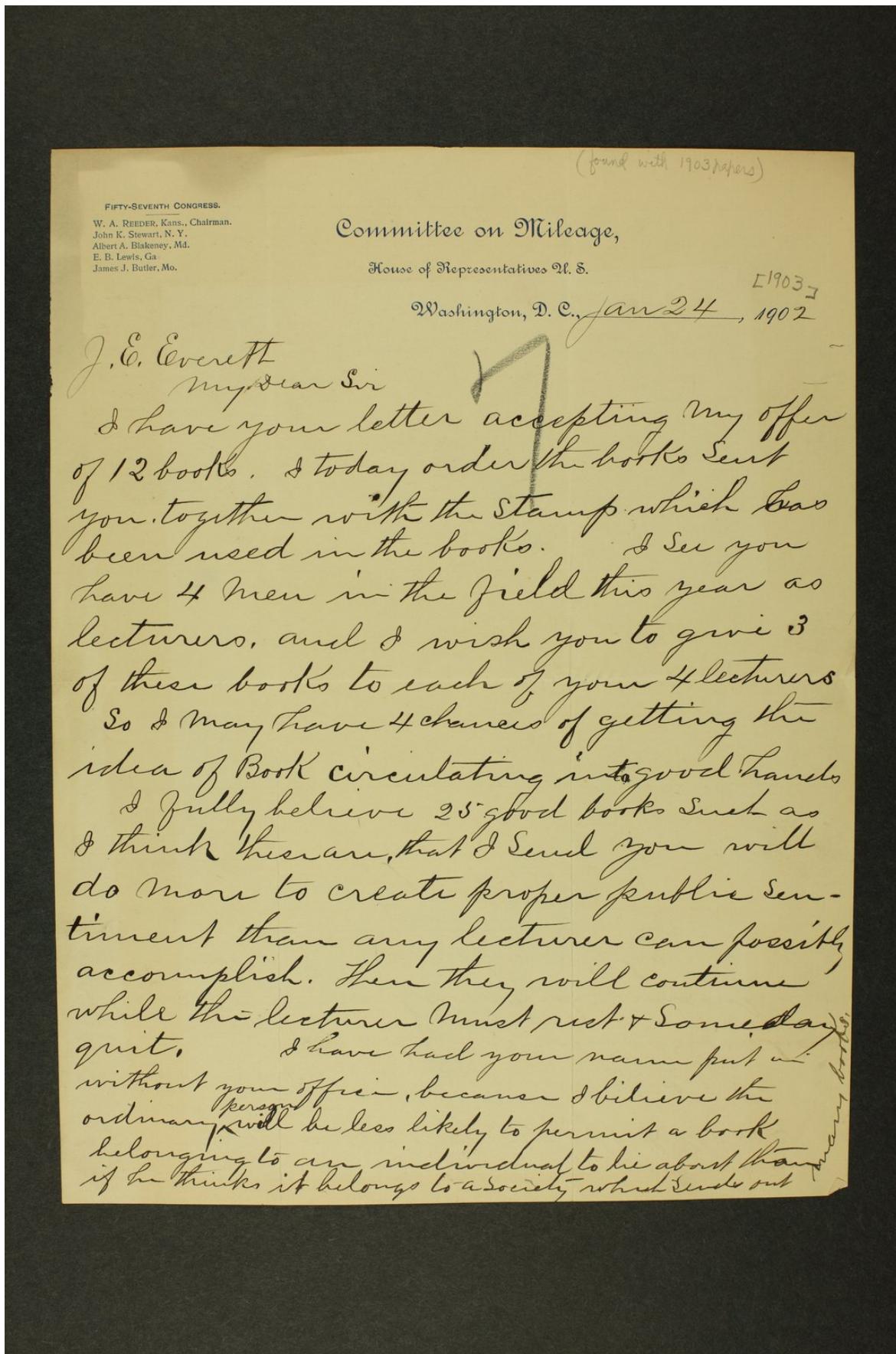
No. Permit you from Chicago. Hold ya abeyance. Looks as if I shall be minus.

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I should be pleased to have a report in
a few months as to how the book plan
seems to work. I would also like
the name and address of some association
of temperance workers which sends out
lecturers in some other States.

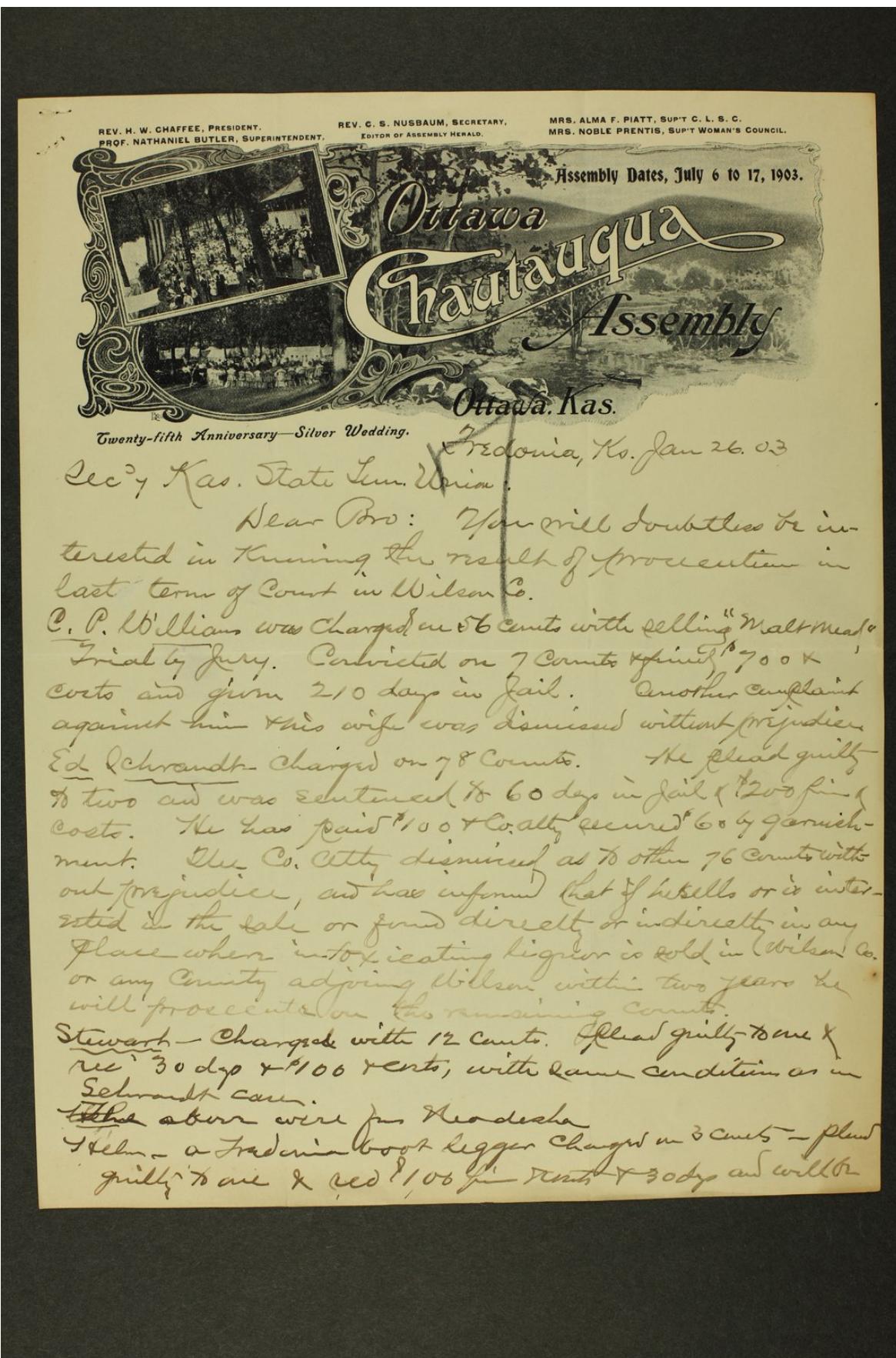
Very Res.
W. A. Reeder

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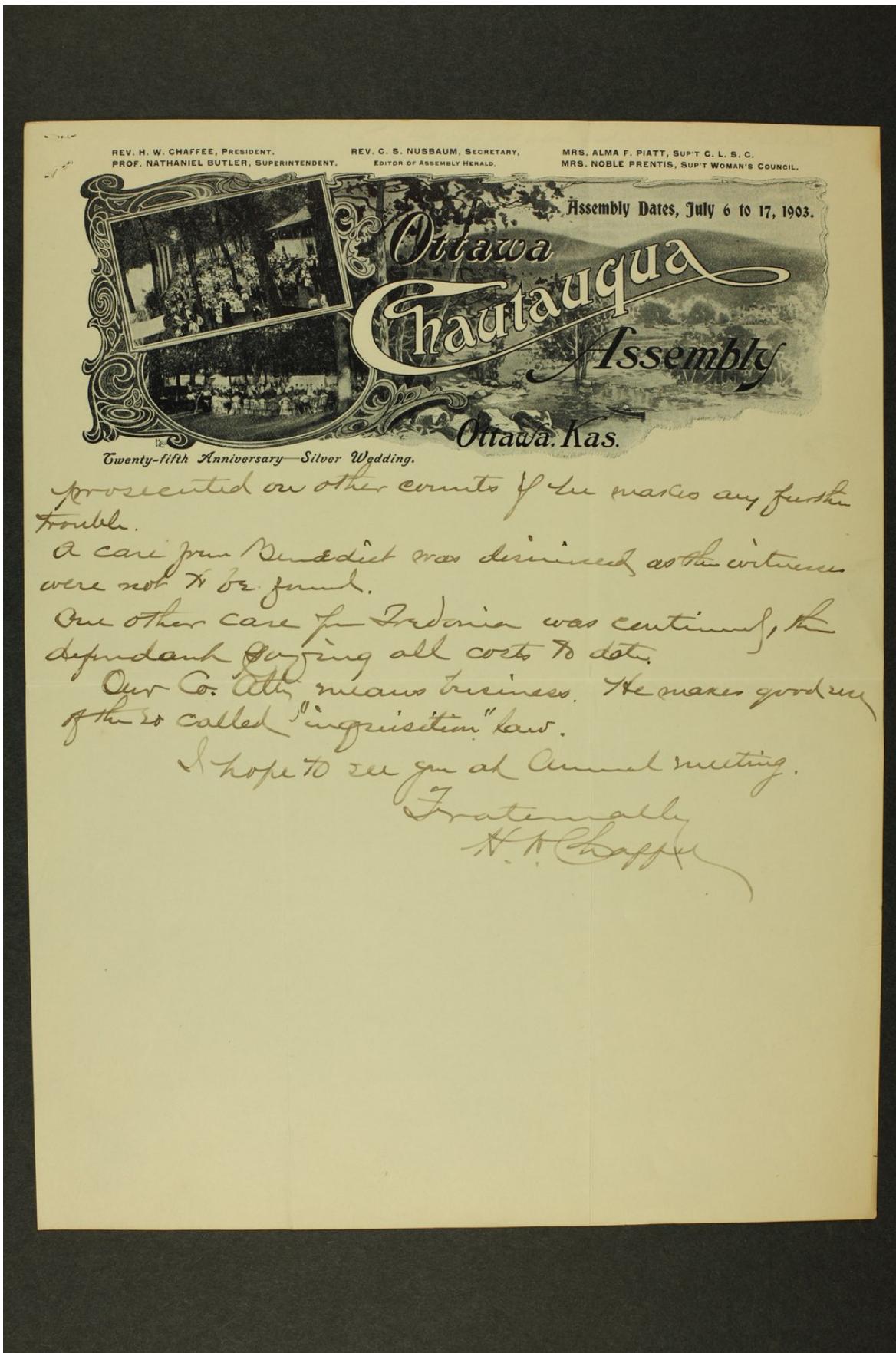


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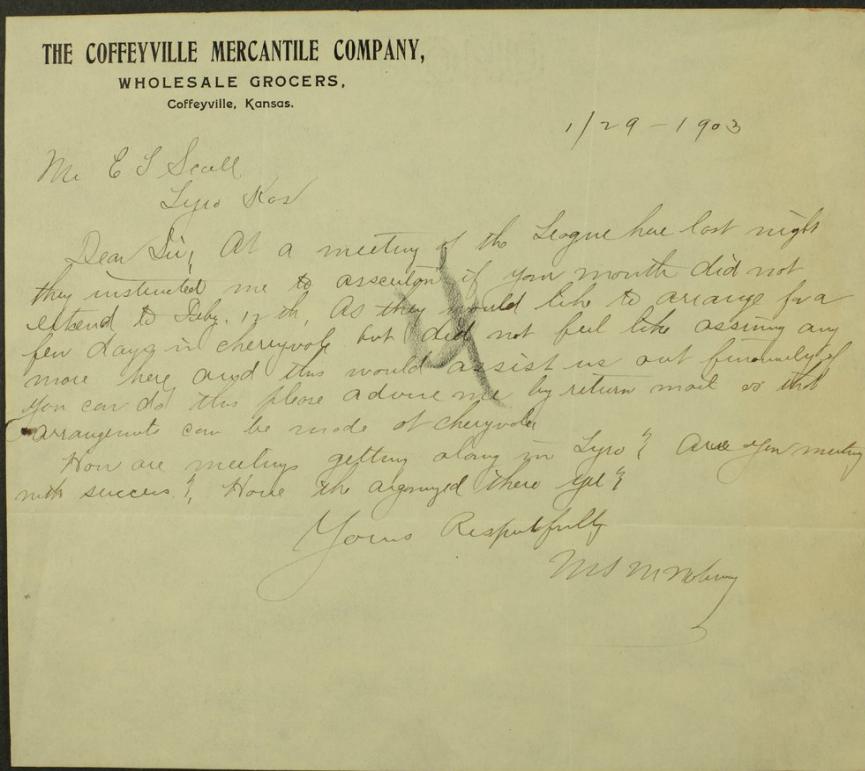


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LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION.

812 12th St. NW., Washington, Jan. 29, 1903.

Rev. J. E. Everett,
Sec. Kansas State Temperance Union,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir,

Your letter received, in which you say the committee feel the plan which I suggested (for preventing evasion of the prohibition law in cities, by having a state dispenser) is in effect a local option law, and that a healthy temperance sentiment is not so likely to spring up where the law caters to those who wish to violate it.

The proposed arrangement would give local option only in the same degree and for the same reasons that the present law permits local option; that is, if the people of a locality have the right to elect officials, they will use their option as to whom they will elect and the manner in which they will enforce the law, whatever it may be.

THE PRESENT LAW may be said to cater to those who wish to evade it, since it affords them an opportunity, as we see in Junction City, Wichita, and other places, where they maintain a license system. The proposed measure, then, is not really subject to that objection, since it does not make things any worse in that respect than they are already.

Would it make things any better in that respect? Yes, it would, because it would reduce the temptation to evade the law. From what sources does the temptation to evasion come? From two:

First, the feeling that the law is tyrannous. You know that this feeling, however ill founded, is sincerely held by many. Where a whole community deliberately adopts the policy of nullifying the law, it is probable that this feeling is one of the main motives; because as a matter of fact the majority of the people in those cities are not drunks. I think nobody will assert that they are. This personal liberty talk arouses just enough FEELING in those communities to prevent the sober arguments that can be made on behalf of the law from taking effect on their minds. It stands to reason then that a policy which would remove that feeling would help in the process of education which is the true solution, as Mr. Stephens truly says, and you probably agree. A teacher ought not to antagonize his pupils unnecessarily, but conciliate them. In this business the state is the teacher and these cities are the pupils.

The other source of the temptation is the desire for revenue. For the present, while the temperance sentiment is undeveloped in these places, the people there will insist on having a ~~legal~~ place to buy liquor. Is it possible to doubt that the receipt of revenue from the trade makes them more bent upon maintaining it? Under the arrangement proposed and under the present law, both alike, these people can evade the law if they want to; but if they cannot make anything by it they will not want to, at least not so badly. That seems plain.

I wish that you and the committee would give this matter a little further consideration, from this point of view, viz, how far any objections which may lie against the proposed measure lie also against the present law, and therefore are not objections to the proposed measure if in any respect that would cause improvement.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. Cranfield & Co.

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Feb. 26. 1903

J. Q. Everett,
Dear Bro.

Your favor of the 19th inst finds me "a shut-in." For a few days having been attacked with chills and fevers, I hope to be back in my offices in a few days. Your letter containing the ten cents for Almanac could not have been received, or it may have got astray during our change of head-quarters when there was of necessity much confusion, and a change of Post Office box - I will send word to the office to have the Almanac mailed to you.

We shall be glad to have the Kansas State Temperance Union become a part of the 20th century world wide Temperance pledge signing.

Under the direction of the Massachusetts State Temperance Union, Massachusetts is being grandly organized as the Massachusetts Department of the Crusade. I will write to Rev Alfred Noor, the secretary there to send you some of its circulars and methods. Massachusetts has enrolled already in connection with the movement 40,000.

The state of Iowa is also being well organized in connection with our crusade. Mr A. J. McColl is our representative there with headquarters for the State at Des Moines. Mr McColl has a button and pin for those who sign, he has also a fine pledge book - our National Committee feared to make a new badge, lest state organizations might think we were interfering with their plans or methods. what we wanted was to in-

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list the cooperation of all organizations in the pledge-signing business leaving each organization unhampered as to method. In this we have succeeded. We had 5,000,000 pledges printed. No. 1, 2, 3 - of that number we have sent out between 2,500,000 and 2,700,000. There was send out fee, only in a few instances have we received for postage or expressage. The first batch of 10,000 we sent to Iowa in November - in Massachusetts we sent out as a third batch last week 15,000. We sent to Father Doyle for use among Catholics 50,000. Every mail to day brings orders for more pledges and literature. To day a letter comes to me from South Africa, desiring information and asking to be recognized as a branch. Also a letter from Bombay India containing similar requests. The work you will see is circling the globe - We recommend all the friends in Iowa to work in connection with your State Union, and any help we can give you will be gladly rendered.

Yours truly
James B. Dunn

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"THE ONLY SOLUTION OF THE SALOON PROBLEM IS NO SALOON."

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The Kansas State Temperance Union

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Make all money orders payable to "State Temperance Union."

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Feb. 17, 1903.

Dear Sir:-- Permit us to call your attention to the following resolution, unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the Annual Convention of the State Temperance Union on February 11th:

"That we are emphatically and unalterable opposed to resubmission, or to any measure involving resubmission. There is no general demand whatever upon our legislature, except from Missouri, or from those cities near enough to Missouri to be influenced by the liquor interests of that state, for a constitutional convention or for any modification of our present law, unless it be in the direction of greater stringency. On the contrary, the overwhelming sentiment of the loyal and intelligent citizens of Kansas is against retrogression in any form, as is shown in the deluge of petitions and personal letters now flooding, not only the legislature, but also the newspapers of Topeka. Manifestly, there is an upheaval of sentiment throughout the state which betokens the speedy advent of a new and better era of Christian citizenship."

We feel sure that you, as a member of the House Committee on Temperance, will be interested in this resolution, coming, as it does, from an organization supported by thousands of the thoughtful and influential citizens of Kansas.

Very sincerely yours,
OFFICERS STATE TEMPERANCE UNION.

Secretary.

Dic.--E. R.

The Union leans toward no political party—it is entirely non-partisan.

It stands for individual sobriety, public-spirited citizenship, prohibition and its enforcement.

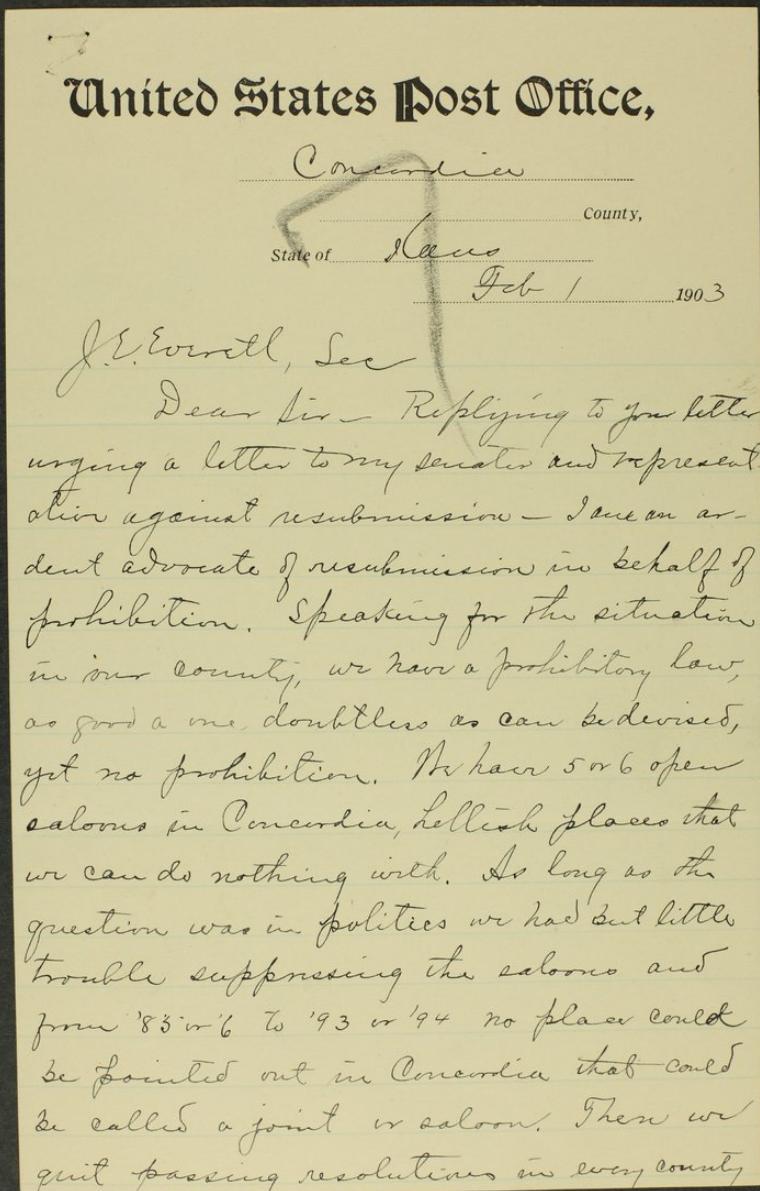
Kansas is its field, the moral well-being of Kansas its aim, the elevation of humanity, through the example of Kansas, the wider result of its labors.

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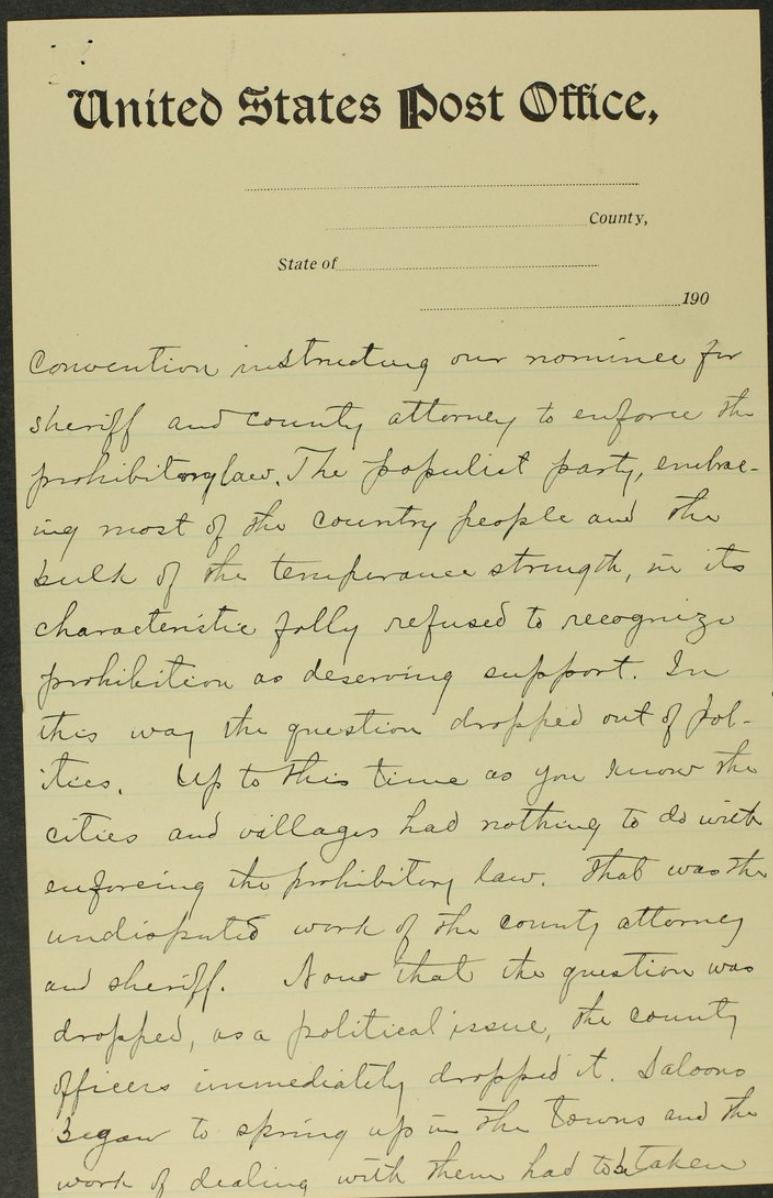


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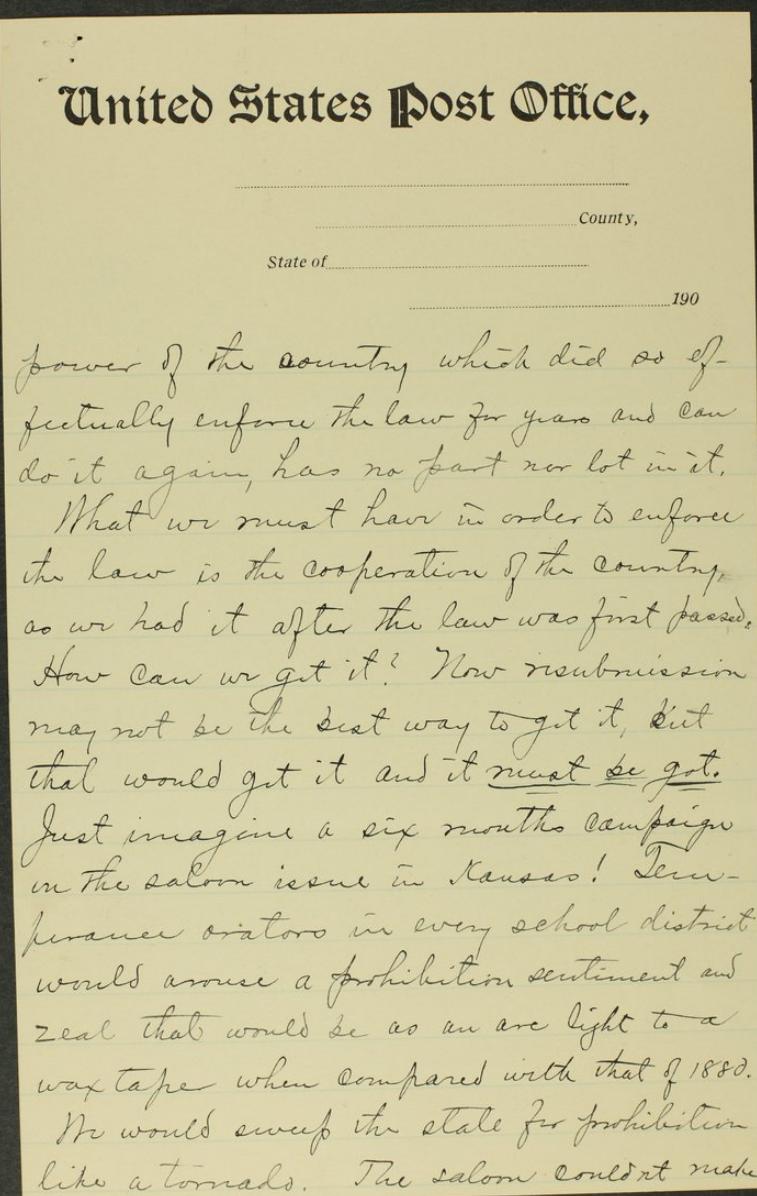
hold of by citizens of the towns, un-
aided by the country. Up to the present
this is the situation. The people of the
cities are not equal to the task. Besides,
whatever the city courts may do to suppress
saloons, can, and generally is, undone when
carried to the county courts.

Now during the years that we had no
saloons we had county attorneys and sheriffs
^{in this county} who were personally hostile to the law, but
they enforced it to the letter. They didn't
have to otherwise, for the county convention
said they must, and they knew the old famers
would demand their heads if they flinched.

Why isn't the law enforced today? Simply be-
cause the towns have assumed the duty, which
they cannot discharge, and the great temperance



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a public campaign. It couldnt face the sunlight. Danger of defeat? not the least. The victory would be overwhelming. Then imagine you can a county attorney or sheriff refusing or neglecting to enforce the law! He'd toe the mark with the greatest alacrity.

As I want no such prohibition as we have now. It is a fetish. Let us bury it and get a live idol. We have nothing to lose. The situation couldnt be worse than it is today in this county, and the same is true of most of the counties of the state.

If you can get the question into politics in a quicker or better way than by resubmission, why name your plan and I am with you. Fraternally T.B. Danhill

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Washington St.
Feb. 1st 1903.

A. L. Dexter Secy.

Topeka Ks.

Dear Brother,

Your letter
of Jan. 30th is at hand.

I enclose with this a
complete statement of the
Lawrence affair. Will you
please do me this favor -
Have my statement copied
in duplicate and send
a copy each to Mr. Alford
and Mr. Carruth. If such
a statement should not

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be sufficient to remove the suspicion, which Mr. Alfred mentions, I shall go to Lawrence & personally interview everybody connected with the affair and determine just where the fault lies, for I am not willing to rest under the implication of dishonesty. I hope that the trouble will come out all right. I believe that you have devised a very fine program for the conventions and I hope that the many illustrations

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people on it will be there
in person.

Our meeting here had a
very fine beginning last
evening and we are expect-
ing a very successful week.

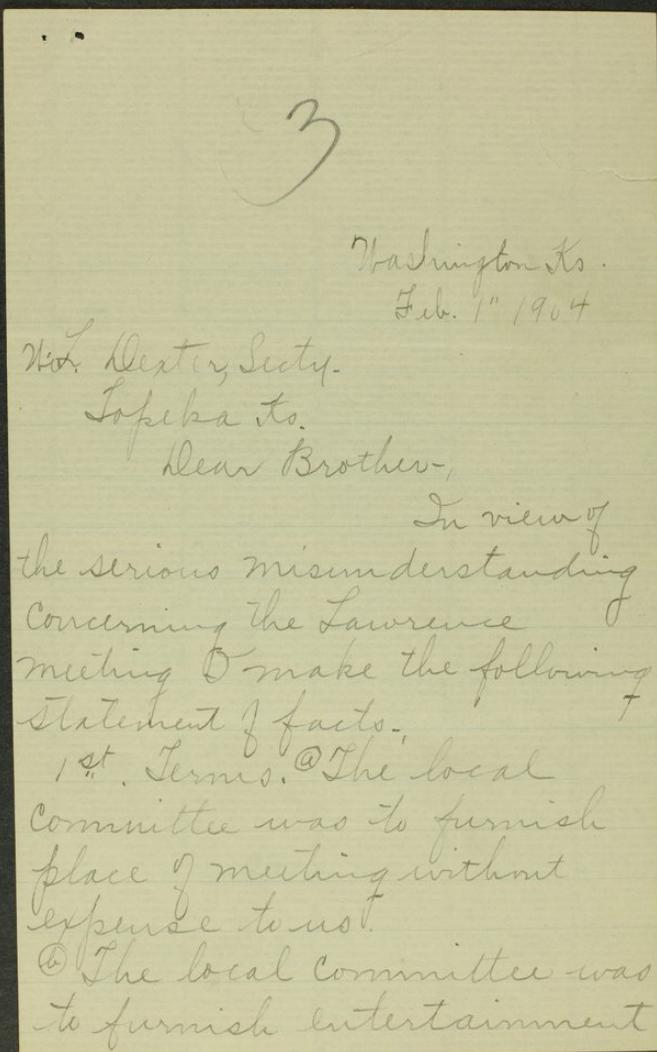
Very Sincerely
A. D. Wilcox

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for two workers.

⑩ The Local Committee was to pay us five dollars for expense of running the stereopticon.

⑪ Evening collections and Friday night proceeds were to go to the Union.

The above is the statement of our usual terms under which I supposed we were working at Lawrence. If any modification had been agreed upon by Mr. Alford and the Secretary I knew nothing of it. Dr

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instructing me to go to Lawrence the Secretary made no mention whatever of any divergence from our regular plan.

Now for the facts -

In answer to my letter notifying the local committee of the time of our arrival I received a telegram from Prof. Carruth telling us to go to the Lawrence House. We arrived there Sunday evening for supper. Upon registering the Clerk told us that Prof. Carruth

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had made arrangements there for us. After the Lecture that night, Prof. Carruth told us to stay at the Lawrence House and that he would see to the bill. This was in accordance with our terms and I thought no more of the question. We left the Hotel Saturday morning following and were there less than six full days. My wife arrived Thursday and spent the remaining

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part of the week with us.
I paid her hotel bill
in full, Saturday morning.
Now for the bill for advertising.
There were two classes of
newspaper notices that
week. The larger class
consisted of notices of the
Friday night entertainment.
These notices I prepared
myself and for their
publication paid the
Journal \$7⁰⁰ and the
World \$6⁰⁰. The second
class consisted of locals
announcing the free

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Lectures from night to night.
These notices were inserted
by the principal of the
New York school under
the direction of Prof. Carruth.
When I paid the advertising
bill these items were not
included and I supposed
they were run free of
charge as is the custom
for our free lectures.

Mr. Alford is mistaken
when he asserts that
the bill of \$4⁰⁰ for advertising
was ~~occassioned~~ caused
by the notices of the Friday

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night entertainment... I
paid for every such notice
myself and the record of
such payment may be
found on the books of the
newspapers.

On Friday night, just
before the entertainment, the
treasurer of the Board of
Trustees of the Congregational
church, came to me with
a request that I pay him
\$2⁰⁰ a night, for the five
nights succeeding the
Sunday evening meeting
for the use of the church.

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This was the first intimation I had that our usual terms were not in force, for by our terms the Committee should have paid this bill. I asked the Treasurer to see Mr. Alford or Mr. Carruth about the matter and if they had not made arrangements to settle it, for him to write to me and I would remit the amount. I heard nothing from him and naturally inferred that the matter

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was properly adjusted.
The five dollars for
Stereopticon expense
guaranteed in our
Contract was never
paid to me. It is
therefore evident that
instead of any indebtedness
upon our part, the Lawrence
people who are responsible
for this meeting owe the
Union five dollars.

Now as to the ~~several~~
complaint that I took
the evening collections
without reporting to the