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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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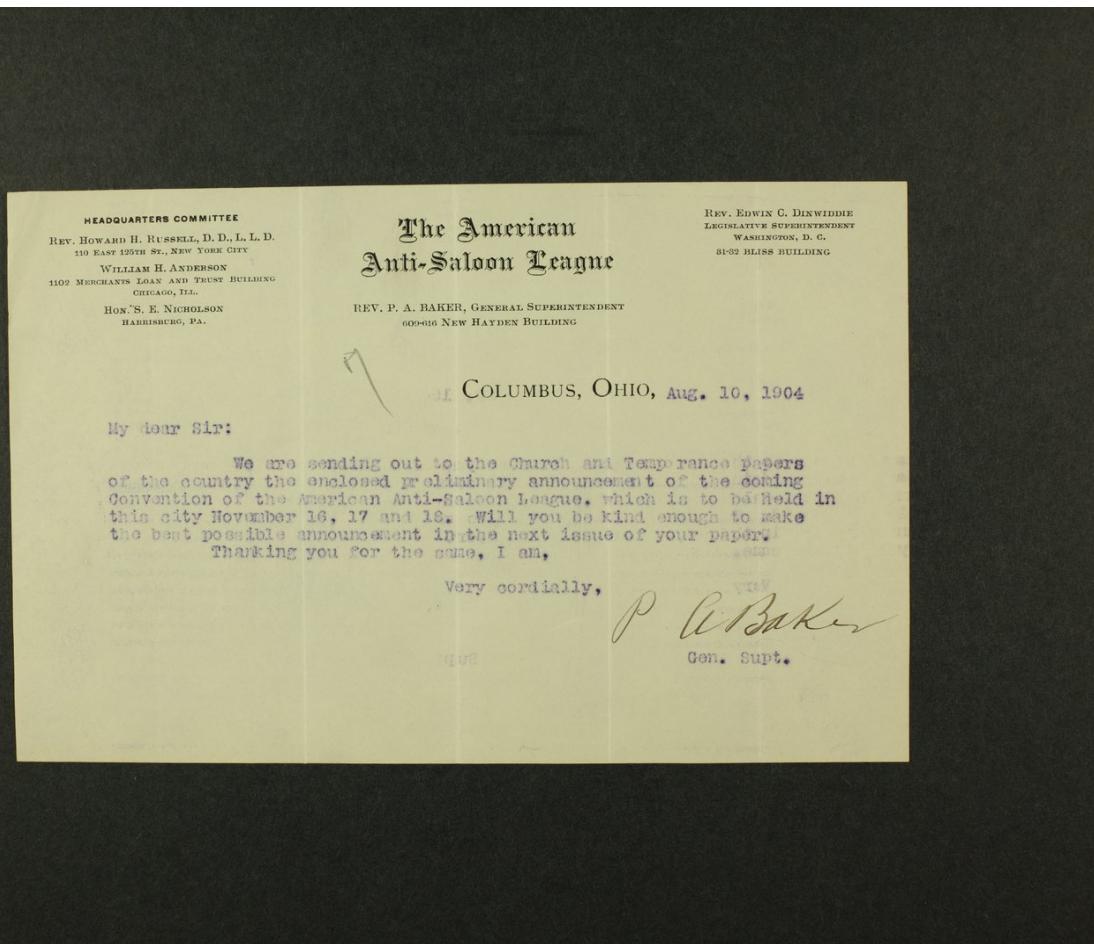
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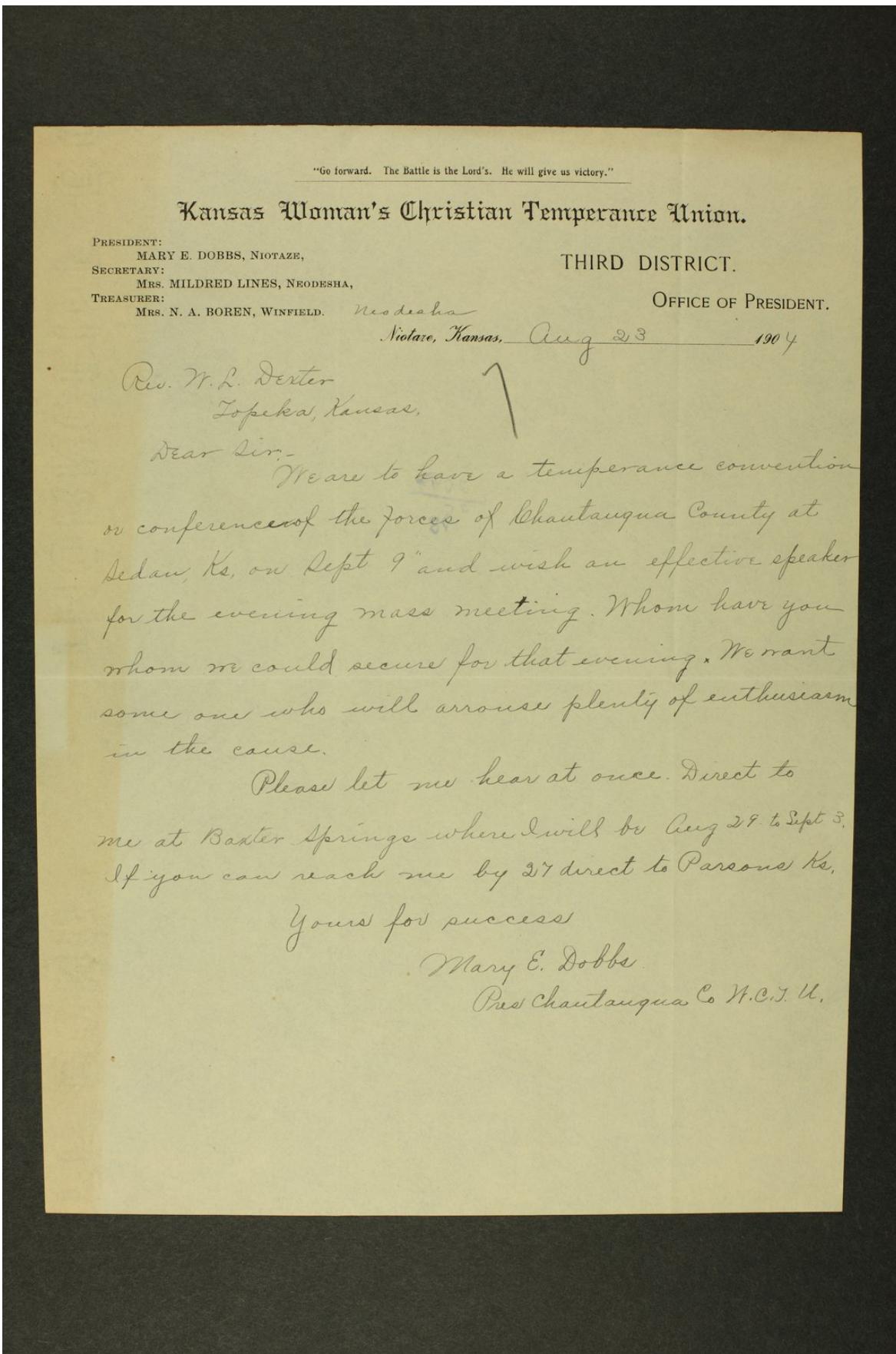


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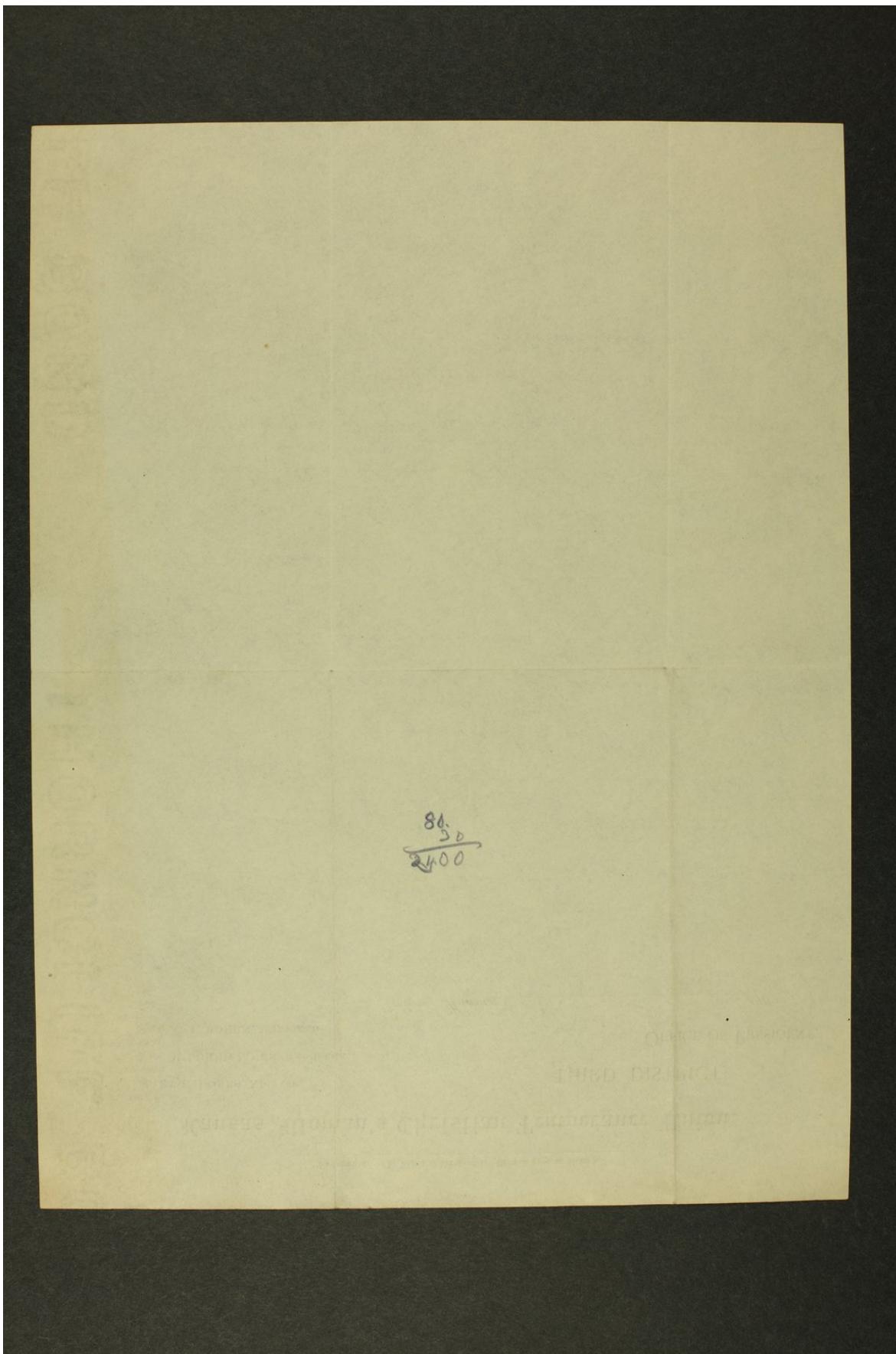


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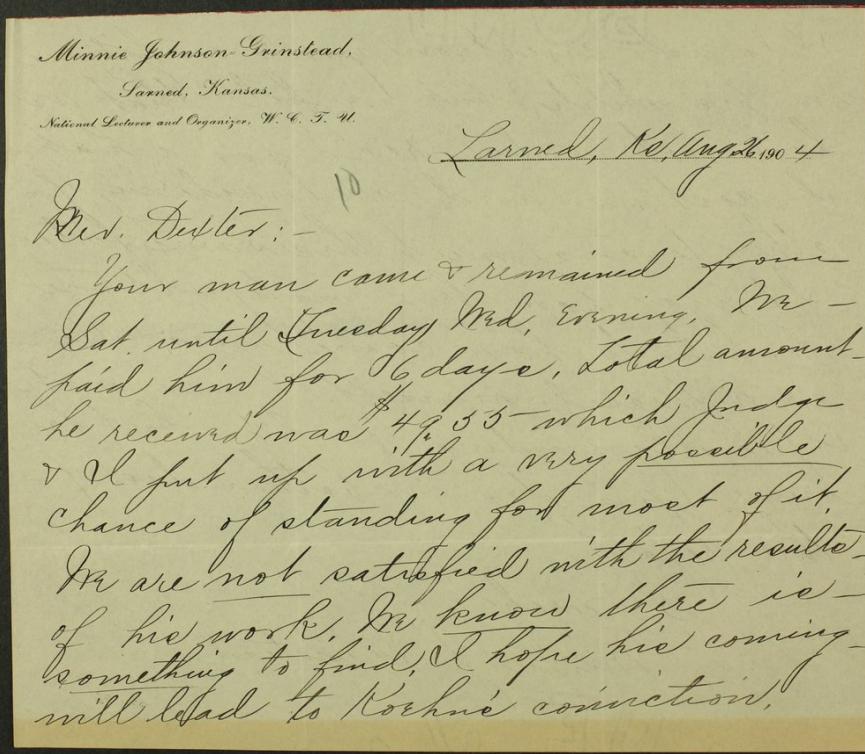
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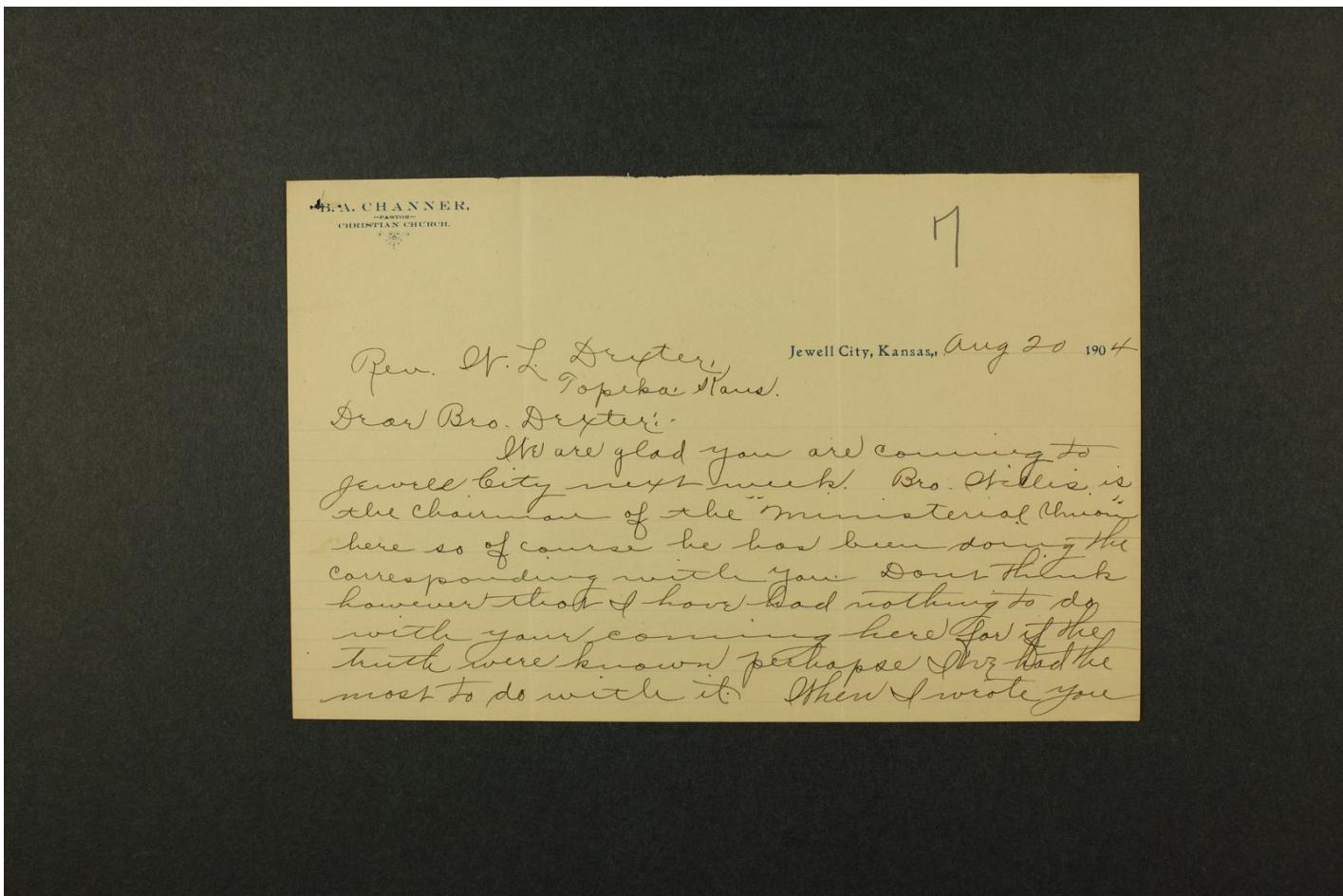
I do not question your confidence in his ability, but we feel that we have not value rec'd. for what it cost us and are wondering if other towns met this same fate. It may have been inopportune for him to have come now. He so expressed himself. I am not especially finding fault, but presume you desire both sides of the report.

Sincerely,
Minnie J. Grinstead.

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B. A. CHANNER,
PASTOR
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Jewell City, Kansas,

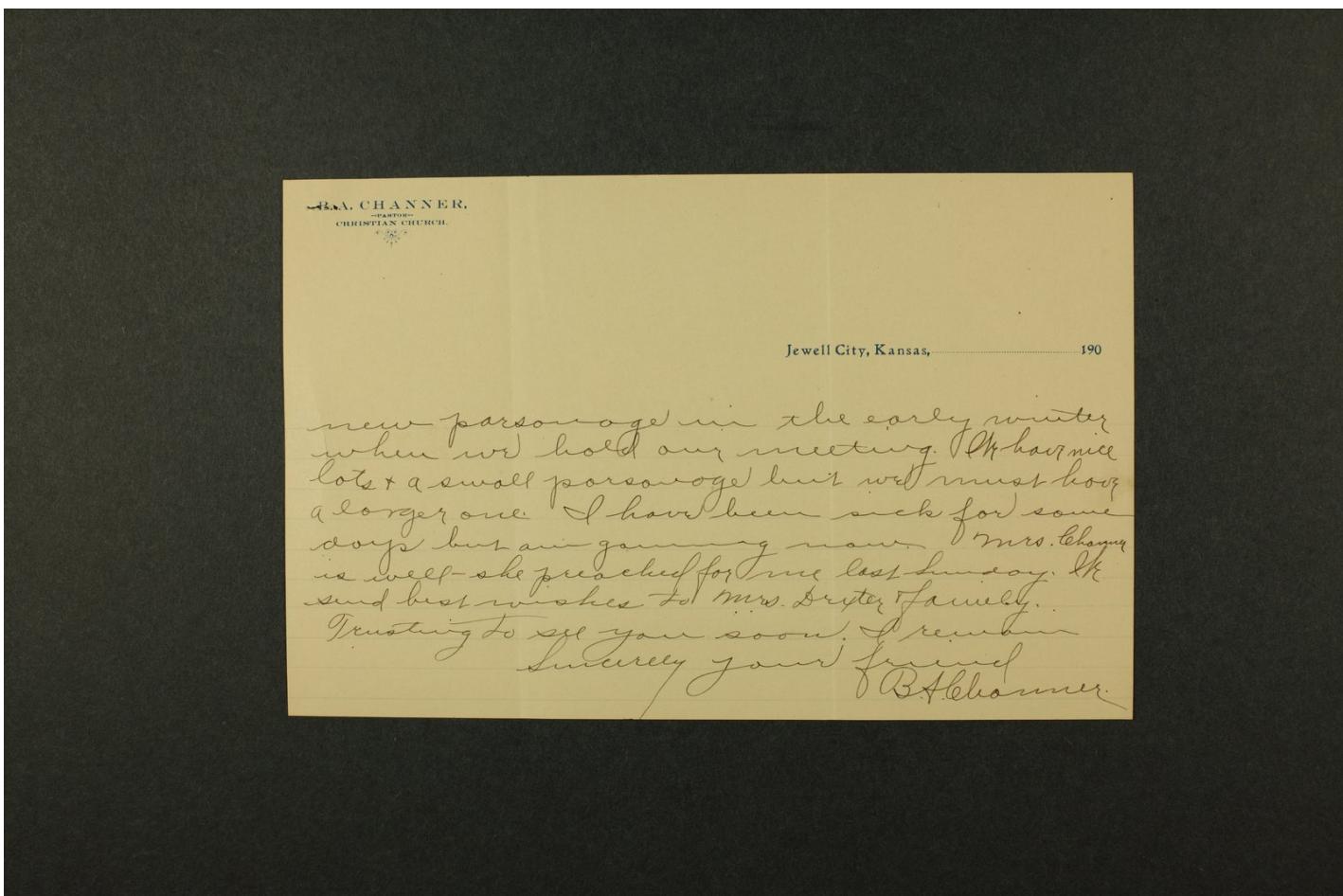
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about coming when in correspondence
about the Shlecox Bro's I asked you to preach
for me when you come. Bro. Shlecox said
the other day that he expected you to preach
for him so while we would like to have
you in our pulpit, you belong to them
I will leave it with you to decide all our
work here moves along nicely & we all have great
expectations for the future. I am planning to
raise a small church debt soon & then build a

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Smitz City, Ind
Aug 10, '04

Dear Bro. Eli:-

I had your letter ok.
Bro. Humphreys received yours, and
forwarded it to Baker at Columbus.
Humphreys is seemingly anxious
for me to apply to him for a
situation. I have not done so
till now. I wrote a letter to day
offering to consider a proposition
from him. I do not know what
he will say. I will know in time.

I had a serious accident
the other day, Wed of this week. I
lost by burning something like 100 ft.
of moving picture film. I dropped
a match near a line of the film
and it all burned about as quick
as so much powder. My loss was
\$60. to \$60. Do not speak of it so
as to have it get into the papers

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My folks would find you it and it would do them no good to know it. I will tell them in time as if it was but an item. It will not ripply me seriously.

I am getting on all right. Made good money last week.

I saw Humphrey again this week. He was at Bloomingfield lecturing. He says that he knows that the ~~Supt~~ of Okla is vacant for it was offered to one of his men a month ago. (I wonder who engaged Wilcox down there.) He was anxious for me to try to get it. He said that if my friends would say that I have any executive ability he was sure I could get it. If you think that it would do any good you might write him directly "at my request".

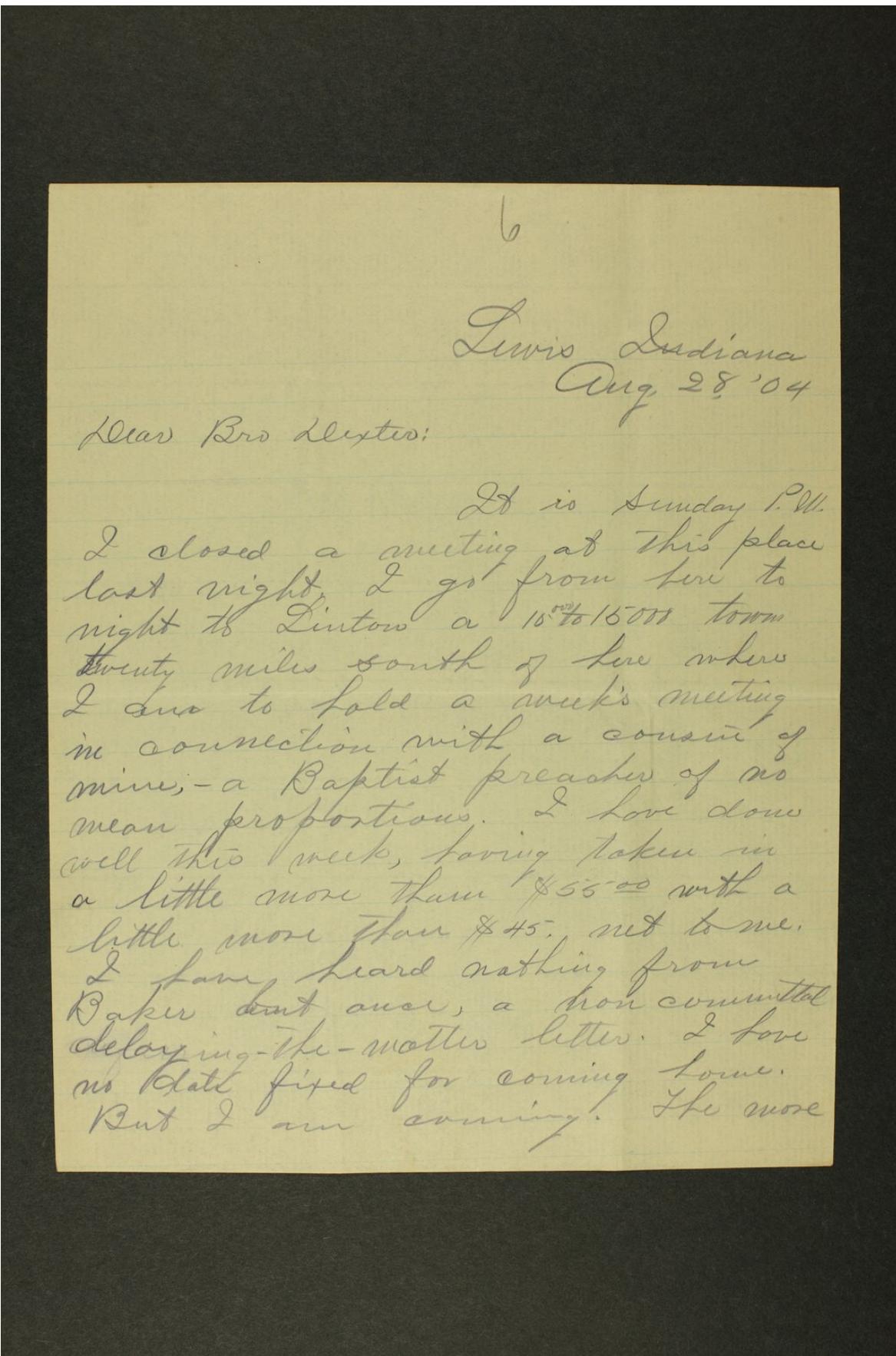
Your other letter was to Humphrey. I do not know what you said. If you can modify it in any way to suit the particular case you need not know that he has the other. Yours Long

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I am of Indiana the more I think of Kansas.

You tell the people for me that all they need to do is to open a few miles where saloons ^{have} run without let or hindrance, and they will never think of murmuring about conditions in Kansas. All they need to do is to "take heart again", - move up and clean out such places as Wichita, and Leavenworth and Ft Scott, and in another twenty years Kansas will be looked to as the Mecca for every man in all this country, (and others like it, unless they wake up and wipe out the saloon,) who has a family to raise.

I tell you I have seen more boys in their teens with thin hatched faces ^{and} ~~with~~ thin red nostrils and pinched noses; with

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pale expressionless eyes, round shoulders, & hollow breasts; - with thin red-rimmed ears and blood veined cheeks, - lantern-jawed, knock-kneed, fellows who stumble along when they walk; - I have seen more of such fellows in one little town here than you could find with a fine-toothed comb and a microscope in a whole county in Kansas.

I am not ridiculing Indiana. My father and mother lived there, and I was born there and my parents' relatives, most of them, live there. There are of course hosts of fine people here but what I say is true. The saloon along with tobacco and other sadnesses is doing its work in a way to make cold chills run

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over one who sees and cares.
The number of degenerates one meets in traveling on trains is a constant source of surprise. I am trying to say that I think this is the result of years of unrestricted rum traffic.
The little town I am now in has three saloons. A few miles south is a town of 3000 with twenty-one. In Oklahoma seven saloons in a town of 800 was thought to be a large number.
I want you to know my brother that I think that the influence of the saloons permeates the whole people like a contagion. Business men and even preachers, some of them M. E. preachers at that, are affected, - blinded by the terrible influence.
The moral sensibilities of people are dulled, so that one may say, with due allowance for exceptions, that the whole people is affected. I am sure this is true. I have seen more degeneracy in

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The few weeks of my stay here than I saw in all the months of my work in Kansas. I want to say again, I am glad my home is in Kansas. If it was not I would proceed at once to make it so. I will come back more fully satisfied with Kansas, even if there are some "joints" there, than ever and when I come I will enter into the work of helping to clean out the last vestige of the imm traffic with more courage, and I shall be better equipped for the work than ever.

Say Bas, this cousin of mine would like to come to Kansas for a trip and to spend some weeks, after a little. Could you arrange for him and me to take a section somewhere and work at organizing Lays. He is a power. I think that you have not a man connected with the Union who is his equal. Yours Long

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Nichita Kaw. 8.16.1904

Rev. H. L. Beeler

Topeka Kaw.

Dear Brother Your esteemed favor of 8.10. has been carefully read but reply delayed on account of the absence of my son whom I will need with me in this work in the handling of the Stereoptican and to sing as we will have several illustrated songs he can also be of great advantage in working up lectures. As I suppose there will need to be quite a little canvassing He is aged 22 has been a student in the Friends University here for 3 yrs. This coming yr. in his senior yr. he has had quite a little

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experience canvassing.
After having jointly considered
the matter in connection with
your letter we are willing to
try it - providing you will
allow to myself ^{\$25.} per week and
to my son a fair compensation allowing
you to make the figures until
we give it a trial and know what
we can do. Said compensation to
defend as you say upon our
individual collections
As to reference I know of no one
more appropriate than E. E. Stanley
Pres. of Friends University or any of the
faculty - (viz) Prof. Jay Trueblood Trueblood
Hoping to hear from you soon I am very truly
your friend & Brother L. W. Jackson 713 Robt Ave
Wichita, Ks.

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WASHBURN COLLEGE.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.
NORMAN PLASS.

TOPEKA, KANSAS. Aug. 11",

I desire to say a word of commendation of the work of the Kansas State Temperance Union. It is doing a vast deal to help hold in line the sentiment of the state for the prohibition of the liquor traffic and for the enforcement of the law. There is a rising tide of sentiment in favor of the prohibitory law in this state, as well as in favor of the enforcement of it, and it is a critical time just now when there is a good deal of talk on the part of some along the line of the resubmission of the question to the people. It is absolutely essential that sentiment should be kept at the right point.

The recent floods have interfered with the collection of funds for this work, and I should heartily approve of any appeal that might be made outside of the state to those who are interested in temperance work.

Cordially yours,

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W. J. D. after field report 77
Aug 25 Trip to Lebanon
04 Penciled
R.R. Fare — 2.70
Hotel 75-
Livery 1.50
Aug 26 Fare to Bellville 77
Hotel at B. 50
Aug 27. Fare to Joplin City 90
Aug 28 Livery to Beloit 2.50
Fare to Salina 1.10
Lunch at Sodum 25
Hotel at Salina 1.00
Aug 29 Fare to Manhattan 1.00
Fare to Wamego
self and night 1.05
Hotel at Wamego 75-
Aug 31. Fare to Topeka. 56

Total — 15.33
Aug 28 Collection at Joplin City \$6.20
Total expense on trip 15.33
Total collection \$6.20
Due Dayton \$10.13

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Oct 24 Trip to Lakin
04 R.R. Fare 5.25
Hotel 1.25

Total 6.25
Collection 5.00
1.25
Nov. 4 '04
Trip to Wamego
R.R. Fare & lunch 1.25

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Meetings at Oakland
Dec. 4.

Collection cash.	\$2 10.
Subscriptions	5 46
Total	<hr/> 7 76-

Cash. \$2.10

Pledges signed 52.

Total expense for trips	33.23
" Collections	42.39
Due Union ..	<hr/> \$9.16

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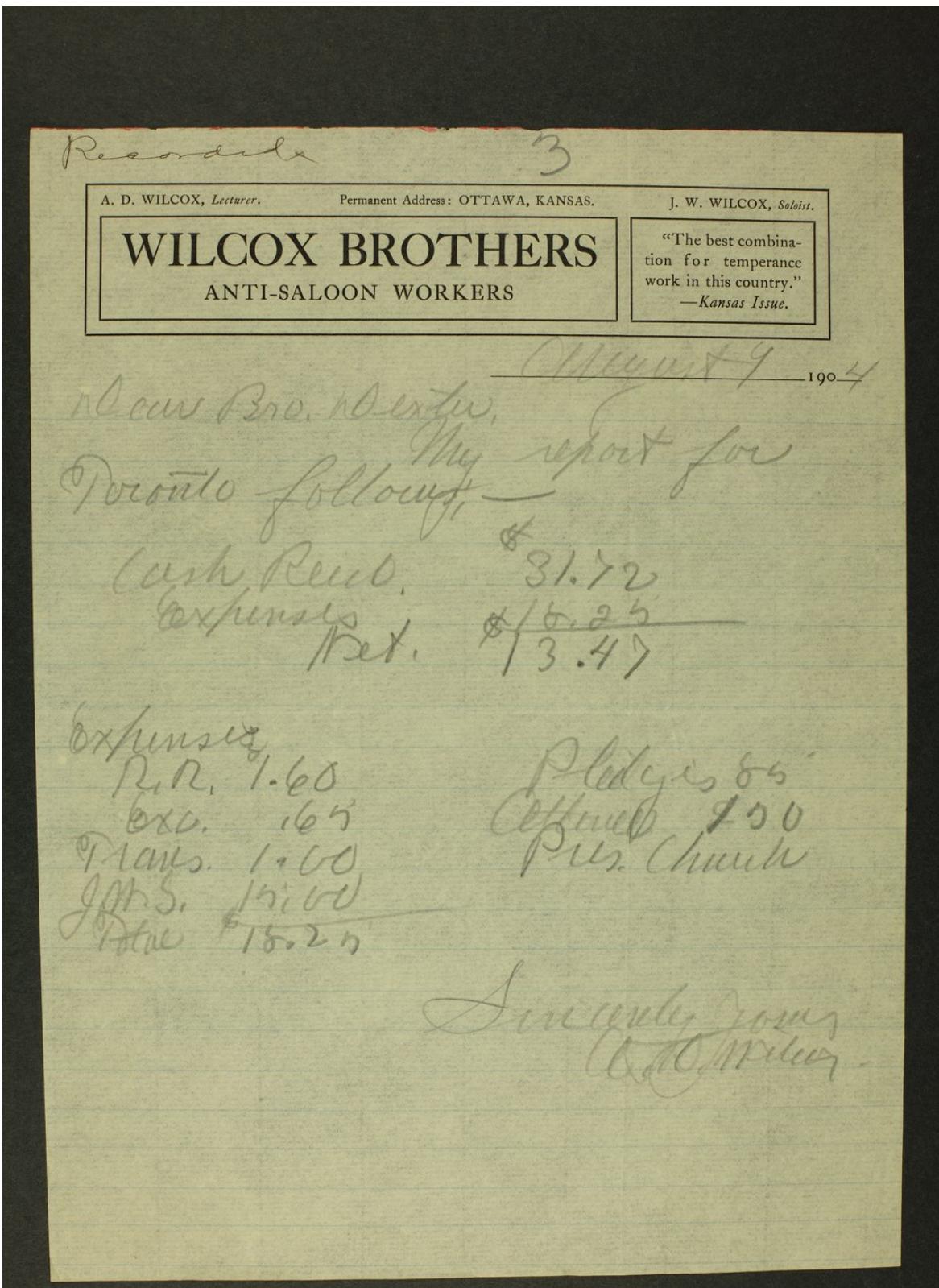
'04 Trip to Republic Co
Dec. 10.
R.R. Fare to Salinia - 180
Hack - 50
Hotel at Salinia - 100
R.R. Fare to Seaudia 100
Lunch 2.40
Hack 35
Dec. 13 R.R. Fare to Billerive 40
Hotel at Billerive 30
Dec 15 R.R. Fare to Munden 100
Lunch .30
Fare to Topeka 12.5
Total 2.10
\$10.40
Collection at Seaudia \$10.08
From G. Bulkley \$10.00
Collection at Billerive 3.94
Collection at Munden 6.05
Total — 30.69
10.40
Due Union. — \$19.69
Pledges. Signed.
at Seaudia 118
at Billerive - -

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TOPEKA, KANSAS, August 4, 1904.

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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.

Prof. A. D. Wilcox,
Toronto, Kansas.
Dear Bro. Wilcox:—

I received your letter of the 3rd inst. this morning. I am very sorry that you can not see your way clear to fill the date at Perry. They have never had a meeting of this kind at that place and were very desirous of having it; but they have an ironclad rule in the church that they can not permit a charge to be made for entertainments or lectures. They said, though, that they believed you would get as much by taking an offering at the door as you would by giving a pay lecture. I made a special trip to Perry to make the date and also phoned, getting a change from Alma to that place. Alma has refused the date of the 14th. We will try and make it somewhere else. I wish you would try and give Perry some meeting, even though it is only for an evening or two, and then rest the latter part of the week. The people will be very much disappointed, the advertising matter has gone, and I assured them that you would be with them. The correspondent at Perry is Rev. H. A. Musser. Please let me know by return mail what you have decided to do.

I hope you are having a good meeting at Toronto this week.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain
Yours fraternally,

W. L. Dexter
Secretary.

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CHAS. W. WHORRALL
PASTOR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WAVERLY, KAN. Aug. 23, 1904.

Dear Bro. Dexter:

You spoke in your last communication of arranging for the work in the Western part of the state for the latter part of Sep. If you mean the last week, I believe I will suggest, if you have not as yet fixed anything definitely, that you arrange the tour to begin at the West end & work this way. I have a Singing Evangelist engaged to begin Special meetings with me in our Waverly Church the first Sunday night of October, & I must be here if possible a few days before that time. If you plan the matter in the order above suggested I can go right out to my farm & spend the first week there, beginning Sunday night on my work for the Union.

Very Sincerely,

Chas. W. Whorrall

P.S. In case you have arranged the order, I will work to your plans, not asking you to suggest any change.

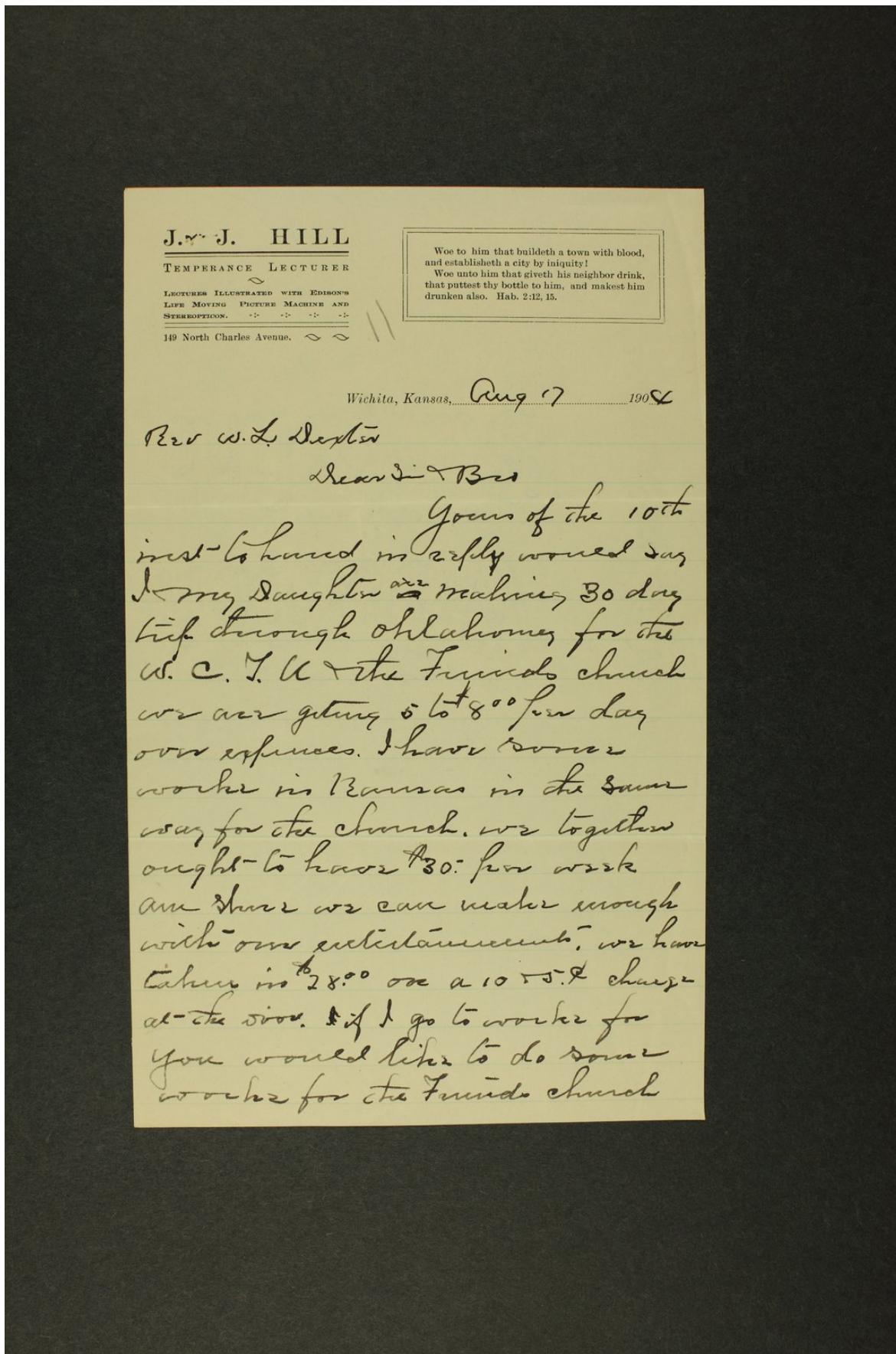
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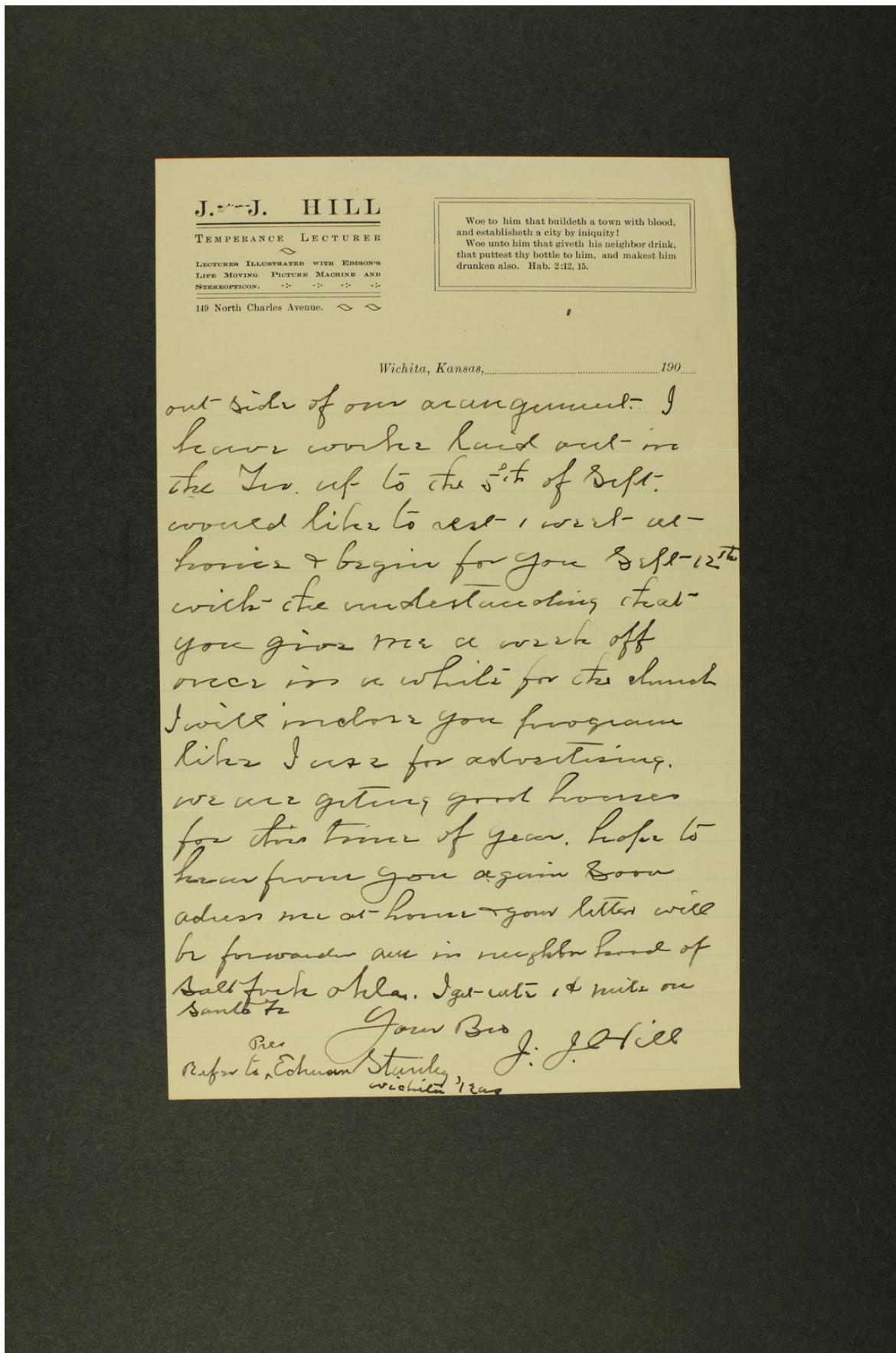


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Dear Bro. Dexter,

Our card of yesterday is at hand. I got it a few good evenings before I left. You might arrange for them professionally, for I have heard nothing yet from Ala. I don't know what that man is doing. We did well at Perry. Moral to the hall Tuesday and had a \$5.25 house.

Report as follows:—

Cash Rec'd.	\$33.60
Expenses	24.83
	net, \$8.77

Expenses

R.R. 2.36	Play 4.60
Exc. 1.60	Attire 3.00
Dinner 1.25	M.C. Church & Hall.
Hall 3.00	
Traction totall 2.12	
L.M.S. 7.50	
Total 24.83	

George Wilcox,
A. D. Wilcox,

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Ottawa Kans. Aug 19th 1904.

*Rev. H. L. Dexter,
Topeka, Kans. 3*

My Dear Bro:-

The cancelled the Mooresville date. On Wednesday morning, we drove out there without baggage expecting to fill the date. We found practically nothing done in the way of preparation and very little knowledge of the matter among the country people. After talking the situation over with Mr. Musser with whom we went out, we decided to go home. There was no possible chance of holding a successful meeting so soon such short notice.

I have just heard from Oklahoma that our route is falling up all right, so you need not make the provisional dates which I suggested a few days ago.

yours truly,
A. D. Wilcox.

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Ottawa Kans. Aug 27th 1904

Rev. W. L. Dexter 3

Doxa, Kansas

Dear Brother:-

My report for Marshall follows:-

Total Cash received.	\$ 68.06
Expenses.	<u>71.37</u>
Net deficit,	\$ 3.31

Expenses itemized

Transfers-	\$ 3.75	Pledges. 275
Railroad fare	2.36	Av. Attendance 300
" "	1.62	Commercial Club Call -
" "	4.78	
Hotel,	1.00	
Express	3.32	
Freight	1.60	
J. St. Salary	22.50	
Gas.	<u>30.44</u>	
Total -	\$ 71.37	