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P.S. What about the 22nd? I was through Burlington yesterday. Didn't see pastors - But spoke to some of our Presbyterians & they seemed to know nothing about it?

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Waverly, Kansas, Dec. 20, 1904

Rev. W. L. Dexter,
Topeka Kan.

Dear Brother Dexter: Hang the ocean on a grape vine? Lasso the moon with a twine string? Hike out to where the lion roareth, the woodbine twineth, & the whangdoodle mourneth for her first born? Sound the Tom-Tom? Beat the Hougaw--Rasp the Builfiddle? Who said "Thumbs UP?" Get the "Fool-killer? Did you see the account of "Tremendous explosions in the Southern-most portions of the state? I was not "Far away?"

Well, Dexter, we went up against it on that trip? We had a "Sure-nough" fight on our hands, but the Lord was with us, and although your skinny & strenuous partner may be somewhat "Disfigured" you ought to see the "Other fellow?"

There are peculiar conditions in Parsons that I met. 1. No preparation whatever were made for a meeting, except the announcement of the Bill posting, & a Church open to receive me. This man Laird is a splendid fellow, but he is a carpenter in the R.R. yards—possessed with just as great a bulk of "Efficient Influence" as you might expect such a man, thus placed to wield in a city of 12,000 people, where there are 21 Saloons & as big a lot of abject cowards among the business men as you ever cornered on Kansas acres? The M.E. people had a Church dedication on hands, & both of those fellows had an excuse to hide. The Campbell light had an Evangelist, the U.B. chap "joined" with the Methodists, the Congregational chump succeeded in arranging an "exchange" with a neighboring pastor, & thus escaped getting "Under fire?" This left Rev. Crawford of the Baptist Church & Dr. Davis with their people to make up the Evening "Mass Meeting". On Thursday night we had 44 people present—mostly men. I lit in & had them "Guessing?" Friday night was a Blizzard, & we had 14 men out. We decided to hold the Worker's Conference. In that meeting was a man, a good Methodist, who was doubtless sent by the "Business men" to play the part of the "Timmerous Ten" who Confounded Joshua & Caleb before Israel? After I had spent 40 minutes in explaining our revised plans of work & the Brethren were ready & had suggested to reorganize the "Law Enforcement League" into a Civic League & push the battle, this fellow got up & began to profess in loud & strenuous tones what a "Good, Viberous Temperance man" he was? How above all things (tears, here?) he desired a clean city. How he had prayed & agonized, &c. Well, Dexter, it would be useless to continue camping on his trail. He wound up as all such "Judas's" do by announcing that the case was hopeless, & notwithstanding his well-known, & all absorbing interest in all Reform work, he was done. If he believed that

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any thing could be done he would be the first man to fall into line,&c. When he sat down I was on my feet & if I ever rubbed the hair the right way,& removed every particle of "Skin"off'n a fellow,with razors & smiles all the time the fur was flying,that was the time.He spoke a second time & got one foot into line.Then I "Finished him off"with another turn in which I held the Timmerous Ten up & flayed them alive?He sweat & looked as if he couldn't keep his toes out of the line? The Lord could not have sent in a better "Opening wedge"to give us a "Starter?" I preached for Dr.Davis Sunday morning & dished up "Gideon Tactics?" I dont think the Gpod Lord was ever with me in greater power.Then in the afternoon I spoke to the R.R.Y.M.C.A.boys.At night Dr.Davi's Church was packed to the doors,& I just overdid any thing I ever attempted? I was like Whitcomb Rilly's boy & the bear? I just "Had to?" I got there with both feet? We had the men out to that service? I had advised Dr.D.that it would be wise to go a little slow in organizing for effective & vigorous work.Not to get the Enemy stirred to be vigorously on their gard.Rev.Crawford was so enthused that he came to the pulpit while the closing hymn was being sung & insisted that we ought to announce a meeting for immediate action. But I insisted that they ought to wait till after New Years,& until they could catch the other fellows & round up every ounce of sentiment in the city & then just "Smash" the jointests.

Davis & Crawford said-"This is a great meeting?" This is what we want.We are on the right track? Give us a starter,& we can clean this city?" I told the Business men that it was among the modern miracles that five hundred good,substantial men,men who believed in righteousness & order should allow 25 Anarchists & Criminals to turn a decent & respectable community like Parsons into a Sink hole of iniquity? That if twelve men in the city set themselves fearlessly to drive out the Criminals,they would have them on the run within a week,& then every one of them would join in the race as Gideon's corards did,& shout-"Look what WE did?"

Now,Dexter,this is the situation.They want the State Temperance Union to help them in their fight.I will write the particulars & the plans we have outlined this evening & mail tomorrow.They expect as soon as the plans are set in motion & the battle is on,for you to go down & speak at a Mass Meeting some Sunday night.You can doubtless arrange for a morning meeting at some nearby city.I think they could get the masses of the men out after this "Opener?" I took a cash collection amounting to \$7.00.Dr.Davis urged me to send out my cards,& I think we would have received a good offering,but I insisted that in the next meeting,after an awakening,we would get five times as much,& not give the excuse then that an offering had been taken.I publically announed another meeting to follow soon & explained the card plan,insisting that they would be willing to give a large contribution.We must make any seemingly personal sacrifice to carry our point.

Mrs.W.says you whooped um up here,but she was disgusted with the pulpit backing you had.You ought to have just put in your cards on the fellows.Benham hasn't sense enough to come in out of the rain.

Chas. W. Whorall



OUTLINE FOR WORKER'S CONFERENCE.

I.....THE SITUATION.

1..General:..There are about three classes of communities in the State.
a..Those Communities where the Law is Openly Repudiated-set at Defiance,
and where Anarchy pure & simple reigns.The work in such places should be
to stir up the State Authorities to continually annoy & hamper the Enemy
as far as possible simply for the purpose of keeping public Sentiment
alive to the situation & needs of such communities.

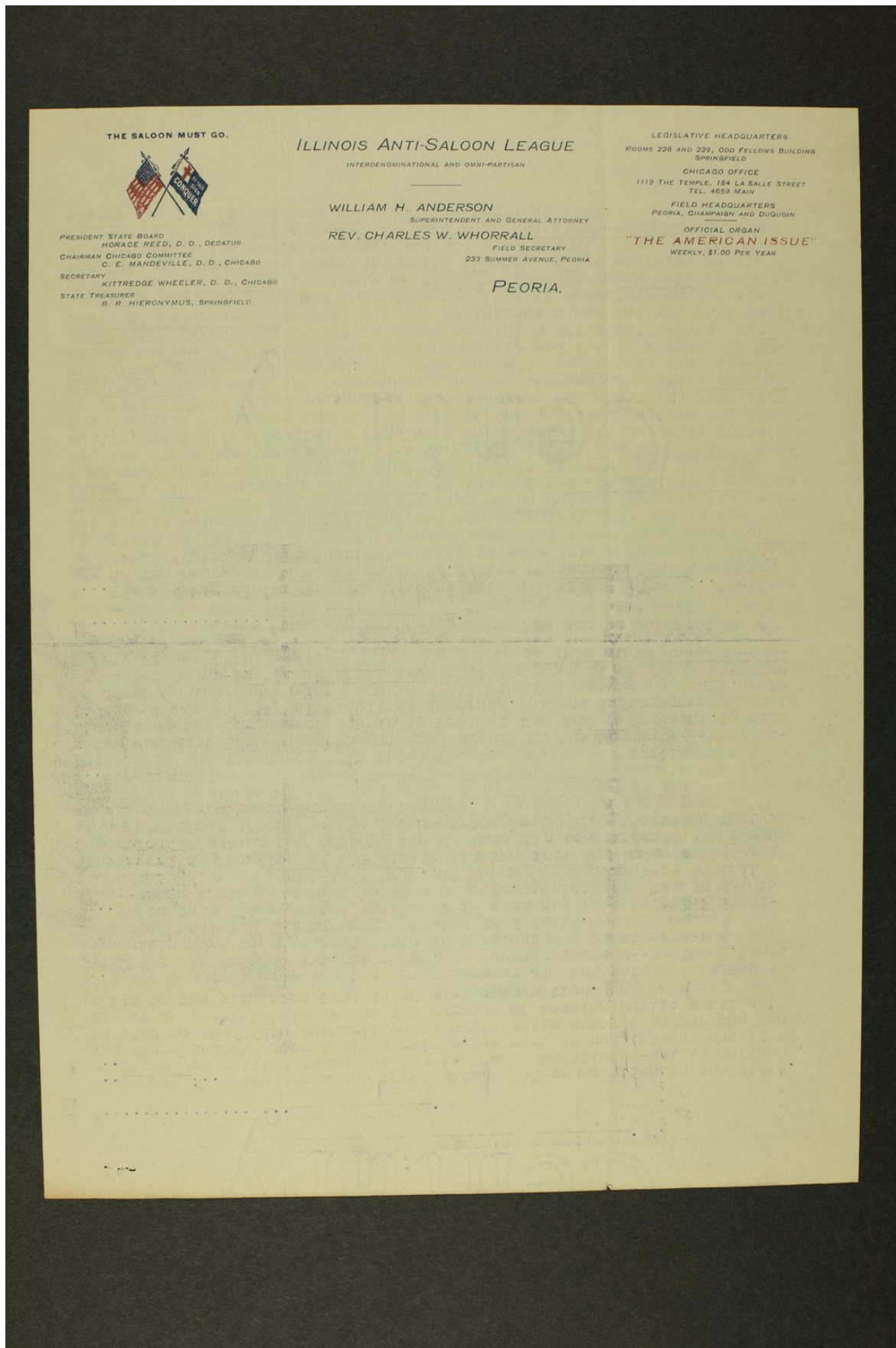
b..Those Communities where the Preponderance of the Sentiment is for the
Law & for its Enforcement,but where,for various reasons--Business,Social,
& possibly more to a general state of Carelessness & Lethargy-the Law
is a Dead Letter,& its enforcement Goes By Default.

c...Those Communities where Sentiment is strong & in a healthful condi-
tion--where there is enough genuine Courage,Conviction & Back Bone to
close things up as Tight As A Drum,but where there is only a nominal &
Haphazard application of the Remedy simply for a lack of a united and
Concerted Effort on the part of the friends of law & order for the want
of an efficient Agency in the Community to Accomplish the thing that abo-
ve all things else is earnestly Desired.

2..The situation every where is---The Consensus of Opinion is for Law &
Decency in the "Abstract?" In three fourths of the communities men &
women who want decent Government are largely in the Majority---They be-
lieve that the purpose of Law is to Protect the Weak & Innocent,to make
it easy to do right & difficult to do wrong. At heart the average man is
in favor of the Boy Having a Chance? All other things being equal,he is
for Law & Order-But it is still true that "Judas will sell His LORD For
Thirty Pieces Of Silver?"

II.....THE COMBINATION.

1...The New Plans of THE UNION Combine into an UNIQUE SYSTEM:..The Gen-
ius of the Reorganized Plans under Dr.Dexter recognizes that the Union
is not an "Outside Organization"seeking to come into a Community to "Clean
It Up"and Do Its REFORM WORK? It recognizes that there is a World of
Difference between "Organization",and "An Organization?" One is the
"BUREAU IDEA?" The Old Discredited plan of an Outside Organization com-
ing in to a Community and saying to its reputed Leaders: "You give us
your money,& we will Clean Up your Community?" It Never Can BE DONE?
Now the Other Idea recognizes that an EXPERT AGENCY can come into a Com-
munity,furnish the Reputed & Regularly Constituted Leaders with Efficient
and Workable Plans for making the Will of the People Effective and Direct-
ly OPERATIVE?The Union recognizes that in every Community the FEDERATED
CHURCHES,linked with all Temperance & Reform Leagues,constitute the only
efficient Agencies of REFORM: In other words it recognizes that the re-
sident Forces of Righteousness in a Community are the only possible RE-
GENERATING INFLUENCES in it? In every Lasting & Efficient Reform the
resident Reformers must work out the Evolutions & Revolutions that Result
in CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS For that Commonwealth? It never "Happens"in any
other Way? The UNION is simply an "EXPERT AGENCY" which sets itself to
the Task of Furnishing every Community throughout the state,where its
assistance is desired,with sane,feasible & efficient plans for Law En-
forcement & Clean Civic Order? It asks your Assistance-Morally & Finan-
cially for the furtherance of this All-Important WORK.





III.....THE APPLICATION.

1..."FAITH" is simply in its final application, the "Divine Order", the Plans & Specifications by which God brings things to pass? Its the Method by which He builds an Atom, A Star or A Saint? We read "The Powers That BE are Ordained of God". Under our peculiar form of Government-which is simply the application of the Divine Idea to Community Requirements, the Resident Source of Authority is vested in the "WILL OF THE PEOPLE?" Now a LAW is simply "A RULE OF CIVIL CONDUCT, Commanding what is RIGHT- Prohibiting what is Wrong?" Law never Does Any Thing? Any more than the Plan & Specifications build the House? These form the Rule for Building: the Builders Assemble, join & Erect the Building according to the Plans furnished them? A "Law" is but an "Efficient Instrument" for the Accomplishment of Social Order and Civic Righteousness? The Instrument must be used efficiently by the "Builders of Peace & Order" if desired Results be Obtained?

2...In harmony with the above it will be readily Understood that the KANSAS STATE TEMPERANCE UNION sets itself to the Task of gathering and Expressing every Ounce of Moral Sentiment in a Community in the Interests of Peace and Order-even at the Cost of a Vigorous Battle on the part of the Forces of Righteousness with the Cohorts of the Saloon, under the Guise of a "JOINT?" In every Community in this state where the Officers of the Law do their Sworn Duty-and where the Moral Forces are organized to see that they do-the Prohibition Law can be enforced as efficiently as any other Statute; for "Officers of the Law" usually do what they are "Elected" to do? Let the Forces of Decency & Order in every Community see to it that the Officers shall be "ELECTED" to REPRESENT, and Not to MISSREPRESENT THEM?



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Rev. W. L. Dexter,
Topeka Kan.

My Dear Brother: Your very kind letter of the 22nd at hand, duly. I have been very busy this week. Our Church has something on the program for every day & night except this evening, all requiring my attention & attendance. Mrs. Whorrall & I entertained the Endeavorers last night. Had 50 here.

I was amused at your "Wonderment" in reference to my "Ecstasies" in reference to the Parson's meeting. Presbyterian ministers—some of them, are as full of enthusiasm as Methodist brethren when it comes to great movements in Reforms. Such things stir me in more than an ordinary degree. What a privilege it is to be possessed with the ability or Gift to stir men & women in great Reform movements? How I do wish the people here in Kansas were "Alive" to the needs of the hour, in the face of the present Crisis, as the people of Illinois were & are in seeking to secure just what Kansas already has, in order to grapple with the "Home-Destroyer?" I want to be used of God, just where He would have me in this Fight? There is a long pull, & a hard Battle AHEAD; but it Can Be Done? I believe We have the Plans & Methods that will, under God, work out the Salvation of This People, if they get a "Hearing" before all the people? It will not be done in a year, nor in two years—but the people will respond if "Truth" gets a fair chance at the Heart & Conscience? You have been kind enough to repeat in your last letter the "Before mentioned" conviction that I ought to join you & give all my time & strength to this work. Now I want to say, frankly & freely that if I believed God had CALLED me unmistakably & Definitely to enter this work I would respond? But you know "CALLS" come to men sometimes in a very definite & Concrete way, evinced & emphasized by a demand from the People? I appreciate more than I can express your very generous & kindly desire for Cooperation together in this work; and I must say that it has caused me more than one serious & prayerful hour of pondering as to what I ought to do in the matter?

Now let us have a "Heart to HEART" talk together, at the very Steps of the Throne of Consecration? God had the Midianites whipped & Israel delivered when He had Gideon his Hero prepared for the Conflict? If it is clearly His purpose to take two commonplace boys of yesterday from the Illinois Prairies to lead in the "Second Battle" here, after 23 years of "Playing with the Enemy In THE NET", the Woodford County end of the Combination isn't going to lag in the traces? You can appreciate my position in the premises? I was in similar work. I know just what it is? Candidly, "I do sorter Hanker to be again in the Thick OF THE FIGHT?" But, because of what seemed to be at the time, Providential leadings, the way closed up, & I again took up Church work out here? I love the Pastorate. My greatest successes have been won in the pastoral work. I have a very pleasant

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field here at Waverly. A kind people, who are this year making sacrifices because of an almost entire Crop failure in keeping up Church finances promptly every month? You know what it means in any church to drop out of the active pastorate & enter Reform work? Say what we may & deplore the fact however we may choose, it still remains a fact that the stronger churches of a state are closed against the man who steps out into the "Lime Light" & dares to openly Lead in the Movements to Suppress the Saloon Domination & its Kindred Criminals in Debauchery? Pittsburg in this state was the first church in Kansas that a friend of mine, Dr. M.L. Johnson, of the Herald & Presbytery (Church Paper) urged to "Call" me when I decided to take up church work? His announcement that I was in the work of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League was sufficient to call forth a statement from that Session that because of that fact I would not be "Available" for their pulpit? Think of it? How Angels must weep & Devils laugh at the Damnable Idiocy of some Churches? Still, what ever else I am, I am NO COWARD? I am only emphasizing some of the peculiar facts & features that enter into the situation. If the way should open so "WIDE" as to leave no doubt in my mind that God wanted me in that Department of The Service, I would be willing to face all the Demons of Hell, or the Living Imps he has employed as Jointists in Kansas? I am fully aware that the men who Push this Fight here against the Jointists, as we did in Peoria, take their "Lives in their Hands?" Now the situation looks this way to me? This year is a very unfavorable one, financially? In Illinois I had no difficulty in getting \$3200 in 18 months, & turning over to the Office \$988.00 above my salary & expenses. But every thing was on the Boom there financially, as they are now. Here in Kansas this year it is a different proposition. Probably in the Central & Western portion of the state it is different, but here in the Eastern part the farmers never had so nearly a completely a failure. It would be Rash for me to go up against the Proposition of endeavoring to secure my support from the Field? The first six months would be largely preliminary work that would consist in more expense than income in getting the field ready for active & aggressive Campaigning. Now if the needs of the Work, That are Actually Distressing in their Urgency-should awaken a Response from some of the Lord's Servants who are not so situated because of lack of ability & stress of business Cares, to actively take up the work, but who feel the need of workers who are fitted to "Thrust in the Sickle"-& feel that need so deeply & sensibly as to be willing to "Stand back of the Worker with the Sinews of WAR" it might be made clear to me that God had by thus "Opening Wide the DOOR", seemed to make His Demands Imperative upon me?

I think you will understand my position. I believe we would make a team that would so pull together as to make the dry bones Rattle over in the camp of the Enemy. If men of means could be found-say 50 men in the state who would be willing to give \$5.00 per month for three years, so that you & I could enter this work & Cooperate together, using all the funds secured from the field in financing a Weekly Paper & other wise & Efficient agencies for reaching every Home in the State, & both of us going over the state continuously--Consecrated Voices Crying out for Decency & Civic Righteousness, ere many moons waned something would be Doing in "Devildom" & Heaven would be vigorous in "Encoring?" Don't it look Rosette? Can GOD bring this to pass?

I am fully Conscious of the "Failure" of our plan for Worker's Conferences? Was about to express myself to you just about as you have intimated your feeling in the matter to me? I have thought that a more rational & reasonable plan would be for you to arrange by correspondence for a meeting in important centres, & to have a committee of those, & all those "Interested" in the work in any degree, to meet you for an Hours Conference say a few days before the Mass Meeting, at which you could thoroughly go into the new movement & get the 10 or 20 enthused before. They would be worth 100 to the Mass Meeting. You could hold two of those preliminary meetings each day in different towns. Then have us each



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come along & take up the Appeal to Public Sentiment in those Mass Meetings? I find that when I get through with the 20 in the "Conference" they are in a position to do aggressive work. We have the Cart Before the Horse. This is not a "Wheel-Barrow" Campaign?

I also find that we shall have to take in the smaller towns if we succeed in thoroughly Stirring the State? The Methods of the "Pops" had wisdom in every "Jint". They knew the "People" they had to deal with. Go to the People? Let them deal with your proposition? That's the "Winner" in any movement? The Dictum of the People is still the Power that sets up & throws down? If we were both free & footloose to go right out into the field? Go from town to town through the week, speaking from goods boxes on the street corners-in halls & Opera Houses & School Houses, & Churches the simple Doctrine-"Make the Will of the People Effective & Directly Operative", I tell you, Dexter, "John Doe" would wake up & rub his eyes? O, it makes my blood boil to think of such a Campaign? WHOOP, LAH? I see the "Rats" running?

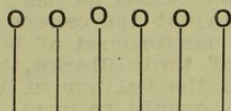
I don't know just when I could come up. Mrs. W. said you would probably be away next week, out to see your family? I may arrange for some meetings in towns about here for early next month. I promised Col. J. B. Cook to go to Chetopa & hold a Mass Meeting early in Jan. & to drop off & confer again with the Parsons people. You spoke of not hearing anything further in reference to another meeting. They are not expecting another meeting until after we take the initiative in some action against the County Prosecutor & Enjunction proceedings in the Drug Store business there. Then They think the matter will open so that the town can be Cleaned up by the people Rallying to the cause & rendering support.

With kindest regards for the New Year, I am,

Your Brother For Victory?



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My Dear Dexter: It was unanimously agreed upon by all those heart & soul in the Reform work at Parsons that in order to crystalize Public Sentiment & rally the masses of law-abiding and "Law-Believing" people to a thorough Enforcement Campaign it would be necessary to enter upon a Campaign of vigorous Law Enforcement--to begin Prosecutions against the Druggists of the town who are simply running "Saloons" under the guise of Drug Stores. I took a walk Sunday afternoon, & it is clear to me that they were open & selling Sunday in full force. If my picture had not been on Bills in every store I would have gone in & secured evidence against them.

Now we decided to proceed against the County Prosecutor first of all. He is another "Burton", a kindren in Crime to "J. Ralph." He is also a minister's son, like the Senator--only the Senator is a Presbyterian & this fellow is a "Campbellite minister's son." About 11 months ago he promised the Law Enforcement League that if they would secure evidence he would prosecute the cases with no let-up. The evidence was secured & cases entered against 21 Druggists--from six to 17 counts against each of them. In a few weeks Burton notified the officers of the League that the fellows were willing to quit & compromise the cases if prosecutions were dropped. Our fellows refused any such complicity & Burton entered into a written contract with them, undoubtedly for a "Consideration" & dropped all the cases. I stated in my letter yesterday that the fellows who were "Hot" at Burton were giving him away on a "Deal" by which every Jointest & Druggist is charged \$1.00 more than the regular price on every case of Beer from Heims Brewing Company--50 cts of which goes to the Commercial Club of the city, & 50 cts to Burton as a consideration for leniency in Enforcing the Prohibitory Law? These fellows say they can procure us the evidence. Now if this charge is true & can be proven, & the evidence is still in hand on which the Compromise was made less than a year ago, it is in Force today, and Burton can be handled on both Counts. The Attorney General should push both cases if they were placed in his hands. The Penalty if Conviction is secured, is not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 in fines & imprisonment in the County Jail for 90 days, the conviction operating, per se, as a forfeiture of Office? Now if we could Knock that "Skunk" out of Office & Mulch the Druggists in heavy fines & Jail Sentences that town would be a Seething Caldron of "Reform?" See?

I called on Attorney H. E. Ganse, at Burlington yesterday & had a long Conference with him on the Situation. You have heard of "Ganse." He is our Coffey County Prosecutor that we have just reelected. He is a Terror

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to Jointists? He said that Burton could be "Handled" on either case. That he has neither the Legal nor Moral right to Compromise a case, & should be proceeded against for "Malfeasance" in Office on these two Charges? I believe Ganse would prove a great help to us. He said he was willing to push these cases if we placed them in his hands. He advised not to take up those old Counts against the Druggists--except in the matter of knocking the "Wind" out of Burton? He says that in his prosecutions he has quit monkeying with Juries. He sues out Injunctions against the owners of all buildings where liquor is known to be sold, or suspected of being kept--also Injunctions against all Druggists & each of their Clerks, then lay low for a few weeks. When the cases are not pushed the fellows will think the "Spasm of Virtue" has blown over, & will sell openly as usual. Then let some fellows get five or six Counts against each of them, & he falls onto 'em by simply presenting to the Judge the evidence of their violation of his "Injunction" & he does the rest? The usual thing that happens is for the Judge, who is always guarded of his high dignity, cites them before the Bench for Contempt & socks it onto them for \$150 or more for each count & imprisonment in the County Jail, & a Perpetual Injunction to run against their place. The Injunction & Fines running against both the Owner & Operator. Ganse says that is the Effective Method to cure the Appetite for running Joints. He thinks Parsons can be Cleaned out without much trouble. He said a Committee of Citizens of Iola had written him a few days ago to undertake the work in their town. Ganse is all Right? The people at Parsons want the Union to lead & advise in this matter & to institute proceedings as soon as we think best. They are willing to work that end of the Battle if we will furnish the Expert Plans & Direct in the process of the Fight? My own opinion is that a Plain Clothes man could, in conjunction with some of our wise & Careful men on the ground, secure the Evidence that would Stick Burton, & then let Ganse lodge his injunctions. What think you?

If we succeed in taking the Bull by the Hornes in several of the Devil's Strong holds, the Union & its Manager will be regarded as A BULL in the Joints' China Shop?

If possible, I would urge that you personally confer Confidentially with the New Attorney General & get his views & what he is willing to do. I believe if several Attorneys were kicked out of office it would be the most salutary lesson Kansas Anarchists ever had.

"Horrall.



J. K. CODDING,
LAWYER.

WAMEGO, KANSAS, December 21st, 1904.

Rev. W. L. Dexter
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the situation in Riley County. With the aid of Mr. Brock, the County Attorney, every joint in the County has been closed and it is today one of the cleanest Counties in the State. In doing this, The State Temperance Union's Attorney has assisted the County Attorney. The joints closed were at Randolph and Manhattan.

In Phillips county the Union Materially assisted the temperance people of Kirwin in ridding the city of joints and is now assisting them in extending their work in the county.

In Montgomery County the union's work so far has been confined to Independence. After a long legal fight in which the defendants contested every inch of the ground the union assisted by the local temperance league of that place succeeded in obtaining an injunction against five of the worst places in the city, in which some eighteen people were interested as owners of the joints, bar keepers and owners of the property. The results was brought about by persistent hard work on the part of the Union's attorneys and the attorneys of the local league. The joint keepers unconditionally surrendered, consented to a perpetual injunction against each place and that the places might be abated; that if their liquors was not shipped out within three days that it might be confiscated by the sheriff; to pay all costs and attorneys fees and never again to engage in the business. The contempt cases against each one of the joints keepers and his assistants were continued so that any breach of good faith on their part will be promptly punished.



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-Wamego, Kansas,

But the beginning of complete law enforcement for the whole of Montgomery county is under way.

Osborne county is quite clean with the exception of two place of Downs against which places the Union's attorney, assisted by J. K. Mitchell of Osborne have obtained injunctions.

The fight in Miami County has been a bitter one. Writs of prohibition have been sued out by the defendants Habeas corpus proceedings instituted and all manner of dilatory tactics resorted to but the Union's attorney assisted by B. L. Sperling city attorney of Paola have been successful in every instance. So that matters now in Paola are such that the joints keepers will either have to surrender or or quite Paola.

That work in this county has been confined to Paola but will be extended over the whole county.

In Leavenworth county there are seven cases prepared for trial from Tonganoxie. These cases are being conducted by the Union's attorney without any local assistance. In many other counties cases are now being prepared, but the main fight will center around Topeka and in the coming three months. Results will be given out from time to time rather than promises of action.

(you can do with this as you see fit.)

Yours very truly,

J. K. Coddling



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Rev. W. L. Dexter,

Topeka Kan.

My Dear Brother:...? - \$ # : ; \$ #, &c---Whoop La? "Shake dat Coon down?" Did you hear any thing fall? Gee, but she goes? Its coming our way? We had an historic meeting at Ottawa. Found things very dead. There were 39 persons in front of me when I rose to "Hypnotize them?" The new Baptist Church seats about 800. Bro. Siffert, of the German Lutheran Church, who presided asked me as we stepped onto the platform, "Where will you get your inspiration from?" Well, Dexter, I could have electrified an Audience of one that night? I went from the Upper-Room of COMMUNION in God's Presence, and I went with something of the Confidence that Joshua had on his Jericho Campaign, as expressed in Joshua 1:5. I trotted out the "Second Battle" with added quirks, tucks & frills too devious to mention. The audience, while small in numbers, was select & weighty in every unit. The pastors were all there except the Methodists. None of them were in any of the meetings. Several business men were out. I think I got every fellow in the house. At the Worker's Conference next morning the ministers were on hand. About 20 assembled, and for a genuine hearty Conference that means Business I would rather have that many than 100, half-hearted, wishey-washey, namby pamby "Reformers." God was in every move? As Dr. Newton & I approached the church he pointed out two men engaged in earnest conversation. He said: "There is a move that bodes us no comfort. That fellow talking is against this movement." They passed into the room, and immediately a general con-

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versation began on the difficulties of doing anything in the City or in the County. Pointing out the difficulties of stopping the sales of liquor under the law, &c. &c.--ad infinitum? I sat by and listened for 15 minutes, meek & innocent as a lamb? Then I arose & said to the Baptist pastor: "Will you please lead in an earnest prayer? Asking God to lead in this meeting & show us the way?" He did, & that man got hold on the "Horns of the Altar." Then I took up the outline on "The Situation; The Combination, and the Application", winding up with an explanation of the Civic League Movement, urging a vigorous Campaign--First to organize the County, then to begin with Ottawa & push the battle of Law Enforcement in every Community throughout the County--especially assisting any community where the sentiment should be found weak. To the surprise of Dr. Newton & others the fellow pointed out as "Ferninst" us was the first to speak when I called for an expression? He said, I have been slow to take up with this movement. There have been so many things set on foot by the Union in days past; but, gentlemen, this looks like business? I variably believe these men have the solution of the situation? Dr. Price spoke with great warmth & Zeal in the same line. He is the new pastor of the Baptist Church. He Comes from Milwaukee, & has been actively identified with the Anti-Saloon League in Wis. When I outlined the methods of the League & stated that we proposed to apply them to the solution of the situation here in Kansas, he was all attention. It took all of them in. Many asked question as I explained the methods, & a number took notes liberally. One pastor came to the front & asked if he could have my notes a few minutes. I handed them to him & he copied as much of them as he could. I believe it would not be a bad idea to revise them, putting them in a brief & yet succinct form, & have them printed as a leaflet for distribution. What do you think?

The "Off Brother" finally moved a resolution as follows: "That this Conference endorse heartily the New, Revised Methods of the State Temperance Union, and Cooperate with its officers & Leaders by Organizing a Civic League here in Ottawa, and also assist the Union in organizing the entire County?" This was passed unanimously, and another motion that the president of the old Law Enforcement League be requested to call a meeting of the members & friends of that organization at once--then hustle & get out as many business men as possible to that meeting, & reorganize under the Constitution & By Laws of the Civic League--& push the battle of Law Enforcement till the City is cleaned out?

O, Dexter, it was a Victory? Dr. Newton said as we left the Church--"The Contageon is catching?" The Daily Republic sent their Head Reporter to me for a statement. When I told him that I was an old Newspaper man, he was very cordial & asked me to come to the office after the Conference and give an Interview. I did & he took my dictated statement in which I went outside of our meeting there--gave your dates & an account of your work on hand last week & this, & also our Parsons meetings.

Now as to your suggestion touching the finance? Bro. Dexter, I am sure you will allow me to just state my honest convictions on all matters of that character? We are in this work for the very best results possible, & I did what I, from my past experience taught me was best. Mr. Anderson is a stickler for the Prestige of the League? He will turn down an engagement & go idle a Sunday rather than have any strings on him by a local church or community. He insists on the "Right of Way?" I said to the Committee in Dr. Price's Study before the meeting. "I shall insist on an offering, in the usual way. This is work that is essential to the success of this State-Wide movement. We must have funds. In Illinois it is understood that the League has the right of way?" All agreed readily & the next day as we were discussing the canvas of the County I was asked how the expenses of the workers would be met. I said in reply, "Mr. Dexter instructs me to say that the expenses of all workers will be paid. But I



suggest that there is no Community in this County too poor to pay its way, and any of you brethren who go out can take an offering just as successfully as either I or Dr. Dexter. I am confident that if the matter is honestly & fairly stated before any audience in the County funds will be forthcoming to defray all local expenses & have a good surplus to send to the Union's Treasury. You must hold up the Superintendent's hands by furnishing him the "Sinews of War?" Now this was a nerry statemnt, but it caught 'em, & Dr. Price said: "That's busines. The people of this County will pay their way & help lift at headquarters." In the offering the night before we got \$22.00. As much as I expected. It will require Faith, Prayer, Burning Conviction-many Heartaches; but, Bro. Dexter, it will prove a Winning Fight? How I do like to get the "Boc Beer" Goat by the horns & whiskers and Muss him all up in a fracas?

Now I may take the offering at Parsons Sunday night instead of Thursday night? We must be governed by circumstances in these matters. I have arranged for you to take hold here Sunday next. I attended to the Communion service at Mineral Point Yeaterday, so you will spend the day here. Preach for me in the morning & speak at a union meeting Sunday night at the M.R. Church. Willie will meet you at the Santa Fe train at 8:30 Saturday night.

Very Sincerely Yours For A Jericho Victory,

Chas. H. Whorvall

P.S. I note what you say in your of today in regard to the Burlington meeting. Have Booklet the date.

Have you had the official Bills I sent for the County Conventions printed? I noticed that they used the bills for general meetings. They do not fairly advertise these special meetings.

Let me hear from you meetings - Trust you will have great Access & Success.

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Rev. W. L. Dexter,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Brother:-

Redlands, California Dec. 14, 1904.
Wife was re-appointed
National Lecturer at Hotel
C. C. T. U. Convention at Phila-
delphia.

One thing and another has prevented me from giving your letter the prompt attention it deserved. Los Angeles Co engrossed our time pretty well. But now activity has ceased. A lull may be anticipated till after the holidays, then there will be a week of prayer, probably in many places to be followed by special revival services. So we may be said to be living on our oars. We came to Redlands a week ago and now are at home.

Candidly we enjoyed your letter very much. It is a matter of enhanced satisfaction to get one from you. In fact, all of the letters from your office bear such a kind spirit, they are genial too, fresh and exhilarating. Miss Robertson is a faithful correspondent, and Mr. Pitcher says in a few words so much that is good.

But we regret to learn that Mrs. Dexter's health was not good. If her trouble is of a pulmonary nature, or, if bronchitis or throat weakness should be the difficulty it really seems as if South California is the place for her. We know of so many who have benefitted by coming here that we



can't help urging our friends to come and try the
chimney. If the mine here and decided it is the
place it would not be long before you would be here
permanently. See? But we hope good & permanent
benefit will result in her journey ^{into} Colorado.

Oh, I must say that we were ever so much
glad to see two articles in the "Issue" of our work
in San Diego. You have our heartiest thanks for the
compliment paid us. And I may be allowed to say
that possibly I might furnish occasionally matter
of some interest to your readers provided you care to
have them.

Am glad to observe that you are keeping up the
fight in Kansas. There is no State in the Union for
which we have such keen interest as Kansas.
We can fight a better battle for her than any
other. God bless Kansas is our constant prayer.

Yesterday by special request I addressed
the Presbytery of Riverside and San Bernardino
counties of San Bernardino. God helping
me I did my duty before the clergy and
elders. "A unanimous vote of thanks was given
for the forcible and eloquent address of Major
E. T. Scott by the Presbytery, and I am not a
Presbyterian either."

We trust you and yours are in good health.
Mrs. Scott unites in best wishes with a Merry
Christmas to you and all of the Office.
Our mail comes to Redlands.

Very Cordially Yours, E. T. Scott



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Mayview Ms.
Dec. 16. '04.

Dear Bro. Dexter:

How are you this morning, and how? It has been a good long while since I heard from you, or saw you. It will soon be five months since I started on this campaign. When I get home in a week from now, I will have lectured 97 times in 32 different places in three different states since I started. I have earned a net salary and expenses for all the time, whether I worked or played, of between \$60. ^{& 70.} per mo. - nearly the latter. That isn't so bad all things considered. But I have gained ^{besides} a fund of experience, and knowledge from observation that I would not want to do without. I have learned that I can do things easily that I did not know I could do at all. I have a broader view of the situation on the rum traffic than would have been



possible Had I staid in Kansas.
 Let me tell you that I am an enthusiastic
 optimist compared ^{with} ~~to~~ what I was
 before I went. I feel sure the time is
 not far distant when we will have
 not a saloon under the Stars and Stripes.
 I heard a thing two days ago that put
 me to thinking again. Bryan is being
 urged by some of his friends to come
 out and in his proposed reorganization
 of the Democratic party incorporate
 a prohibition plank. I doubt whether
 he will do it. But I tell you if he does,
 and doesn't put in something else that
 will kill it, you will see a "landslide"
 in that direction, - mark my words.
 As a Republican I would much prefer
 to see that thing come through my own
 party, but if they will not do it and
 the Democrats do you will see them go
 into power, and I will be compelled
 to vote with them. If they fail to do it
 and the Republican leaders are wise enough
 to see the "hand writing on the wall" they will
 be all right. But I tell you that one or the
 other will do it before long, and I am foolish



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enough to be just a little afraid (as a Republican) that Bryan will see the point and act on it. While I say that, I want you to know that I am just strong enough in my opposition to the saloon to vote with the Democrats if they take up the issue.

Our friends of the Prohib. party have so conducted themselves as to invoke the contempt of the great mass of voters all over. They never can succeed. If the Republicans nor Democrats do not take up the issue then the final success of the Anti Saloon movement will come through the efforts of the A. S. L.

But I have said publicly time and again that when ever public sentiment demands it both old parties will scramble to see which can get "into the band wagon" first.

The movement now in progress to suppress the influence of corporations ~~influence~~ in elections and legislation by giving large sums to campaign funds will result in lessening the power of the saloon to control



primary and other Conventions. This power
- the money for the campaign fund has
been one of the strong things that has hindered
campaign leaders from what they might
have done before - from taking a stand
and declaring for saloon suppression.
Should it come to the point where it
~~is~~ ^{is} necessary for committees to
publish a statement of receipts and
expenditures, and from whom, it will
put a stop to saloons furnishing the
funds for campaigns and demanding
what they want in return.

But enough for now. There is so much
that I would like to say to you. —

It's been a great trip for me. Twice I have
been threatened with arrest and imprisonment
I have been threatened with personal violence
I have ^{been} stabbed and wounded - but with
it all I have had great victories and made
a host of friends and, - let me say it humbly -
I think made impressions for good on
many a mind.

Write me sometime
Yours Long



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J. K. CODDING.

Wamego, Kansas, Dec. 24th, 1904

Rev. W. L. Dexter,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dexter:--

I have written Chief Stahl that we ought to at once commence getting the names of the sporty young men as well as the sporty old men and also the moderate drinkers who frequent these drugstores. The regular force as well as the plain clothes men can accomplish a great deal in this matter and with the names added of those who actually buy will make quite an array of testimony to hand to the grand jury and to Mr. Hungate. I think we ought to hand the names of a great many of these witness up to Hungate so that he will be compelled to present the same to the grand jury.

I am preparing the injunction papers against Geo. Knauer and will send the same down to Mr. Cowles together with a letter outlining to some extent the plans to be pursued.

Yours very truly,



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KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec., 3, 1904.
MT. WASHINGTON P. O.

Kansas State Temperance Union,
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen:-

Please inform us whether or not you have in your employ a man by the name of Rev. M. T. Long, of Ottawa, Kansas, and if so what kind of a man is he? Is he a man of ability and integrity, and one that you would trust under any and all circumstances? Do you consider that he is a good, reliable business man or do you consider him rather of the common class who have not the ability to do business for themselves and have to be dictated to? We ask this information for the reason that he has applied to us for a position as a horse salesman and we only employ first class people.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to give us, we are

Respectfully yours.

Ream Flummerfelt & Co.
By A. J. R.



W. T. JONES,
SOLICITOR FOR
STATE TEMPERANCE UNION.
BOX NO. 53

Newton
MCPIERSON, KANSAS, 129

1904

W. L. Dexter

Dear Bro I am in Newton
arrived here yesterday eve. They are dormant here
and will have to be aroused. Dr Henry is all
right. I wish you would write to J. J. Reibel
one to pastor Baptist Church Bro Elliot
D. S. Wilk (Rev David Goerdt Principle or President
Gensman College here, P. J. Madel and S. S. Henry
Principles in same College try to get them aroused
to organize at once I know you can do it
our Pastor Bro Wild is in Nebraska I was in
a Saloon about one hour ago and bought bottle
of Beer dont forget to write them often at once
I left the matter you wrote me in regard the Hamilton
Bill in good hands at McPherson I believe it
will be attended to all write right I cannot do
much soliciting at present until I get things changed
a little Bro Henry the Doctor to me he rec a letter
from you last night he is solid so is all
The names I gave you is the Saloon I worked with
open in Topeka it is reported now that they are I



W. T. JONES.
SOLICITOR FOR
STATE TEMPERANCE UNION.
BOX NO. 53

McPHERSON, KANSAS,

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don't believe it well I hope you are all prospering
my love to you all I have my Wife and
little Boy with me this week I will go to Peabody
at noon tomorrow and stay a day or so and then
return to Newton God Bless you all is the Prayer
of your Co worker in the great Battle against
the rum power.

William T. Jones



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PAOLA. DECEMBER 24TH, 1904.

REV W. L. DEXTER.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

DEAR BRO :-- I WISH YOU WOULD SEND ME A REVISED LIST OF THE GOV LINCENSES HELD IN THIS COUNTY. AS I UNDERSTAND IT THESE ARE RENEWED TWICE EACH YEAR JULY 1ST, AND JAN'Y 1ST. THERE IS A FELLOW HERE NOW IN JAIL FOR SHOOTING ANOTHER FELLOW. THE FACT WILL ESTABLISHED I THINK AT HIS PRELIMINARY NEXT MONDAY THAT HE HAS BEEN SELLING LIQUOR AND NONE OF THE LISTS HERETOFORE HAVE SHOWN THAT HE HELD A GOV LICENSE. WE ARE TO HAVE SOME CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS ALSO IN A FEW DAYS AND I WANT A NEW LIST FOR THAT PURPOSE.

I SUPPOSE THAT MISS. ROBERTSON TOLD YOU THAT I WAS TO GO TO THE ATT'Y GEN'L'S OFFICE THE DAY I WAS IN TOPEKA. I HAD A LONG CONFERENCE WITH HIS ASS'T AND AM STIL CORRESPONDING WITH HIM, THE ATT'Y GEN'L, WITH WHAT I THINK A GOOD PROSPECT FOR AN ASS'T HERE. I EXPECT TO BE IN TOPEKA NEXT TUESDAY TO SEE HIM AND WILL THEN SEE YOU ALSO. I HAVE KEPT THIS MATTER VERY QUIET FOR THE REASON THAT I THOUGHT IT BEST. PLEASE SEND LIST ON RECPY OF THIS.

EVERY THING IS IN FINE SHAPE HERE, AND THE JOINTS ARE TO GO WHETHER WE GET THE ASS'Y OR NOT, BUT THAT WOULD MAKE IT JUST A LITTLE EASIER. YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THE CHANGE IN SENTIMENT SINCE IT IS EVIDENT THAT THEY MUST GO.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

WE WILL NOT TRY TO GET A GRAND JURY NOW.

WHEN YOUR LIST CAME WE THEN HAD JUST EIGHT DAYS IN WHICH TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS WHICH WAS ENTIRELY TO SHORT A TIME.

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PAOLA, DECEMBER 10TH.

MY DEAR MR DEXTER :-- I FEEL THAT I SHOULD REPORT PROGRESS TO YOU. WE ARE MOVING
RIGHT ALONG HERE NOW AND FEELING MIGHTY GOOD. WE HAVE ONE OF THE WORST JOINTS IN
TOWN CLEANED OUT ROOT AND BRANCH AND ANOTHER ONE WITH AN INJUNCTION AGAINST IT
" TEMPORARY " OUT OF THE DISTRICT COURT WITH APPLICATION FOR TWO OTHERS PENDING.
I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE JOINTS IN THIS COUNTY. YOU
HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD WHEN YOU SUGGESTED THAT WE GET SENATOR CODDING WITH US.
HE IS A DANDY, AND ALL OF OUR FELLOWS WILL SWEAR BY HIM NOW. I FEEL SURE THAT THE
DEAR LORD IS GOING TO PROSPER US MIGHTILY AND I AM SURE WE WILL GIVE HIM THE
GLORY.
I TRUST THAT MRS. DEXTER'S HEALTH HAS IMPROVED .

VERY TRULY YOURS,

GEO L Robinson

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
DAVID H. SHIELDS, A. B.,
MINISTER.
RESIDENCE 607 WEST WALNUT ST.
PHONE 1441.

Salina, Kansas, 12-2 1904

Dear Dexter:-

*Your letter saying that you could
be here the 11th inst is to hand. I think
you had better come, though I cannot
be present only part time, if at all. We
are in a meeting which we expect to
run till the 11th, at least. I am preaching.
Let Mr. J. B. Johns, or me know in time
to call the men together.*

Fraternally,

David H. Shields.



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J. K. CODDING.

Wamego, Kansas, Dec. 1st, 1904

Rev. W. L. Dexter,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Brother:--

Yours at hand, and I have commenced this morning the
prepare the proper papers, and will get them to you as soon as possible.
If nothing unforeseen happens I start this afternoon for Downs, and go
to Paola Sunday night, and go there for the contest Monday, and to
Medicine Lodge on my return from Paola, then I will have to lay low
for a little while, until my court at Westmoreland gets through with,
after which I expect to so arrange affairs that 1905, will be a red
letter here in the history of law enforcement, in Kansas.

I have been told that the Journal of your city published a great
deal of my speech, and I send you stamps that you may send me a number
of copies if that is true, as I want to make use of them.

Yours very truly,

Enc. 25 Cts. st.

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REV. P. A. BAKER
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LEGISLATIVE SUPERINTENDENT

The American Anti-Saloon League

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TELEPHONE, EAST 102

Washington, D. C., December 24, 1904.

Reverend W. L. Dexter,
703 Jackson Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Brother:

Since writing my former letter to you, I have observed and read your leaflet on "Defeat the Hamilton Bill". Our position with reference to the Hamilton Bill is this: First, we will try to have it amended in the Senate so that it will include in its provision Federal Jurisdiction over the traffic in intoxicating liquors. If we fail to secure a provision for Federal jurisdiction over this traffic, then we will go in for defeat of the bill.

I will keep you advised with regard to the situation, and am grateful to you for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Edwin C. Dinwiddie
Legislative Superintendent.

L.R.C.