

Temperance history correspondence

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Correspondence sent and received by members of the Kansas State Temperance Union, primarily Rev. W. L. Dexter, secretary, Robert Norris, secretary, Julian K. Coddington, lawyer, and William T. Jones, solicitor. Correspondents include Elizabeth P. Hutchinson, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Rev. Purley A. Baker, superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, Mary Evelyn Dobbs, Rev. Charles W. Whorrall, and William H. McCamish, assistant attorney general of Wyandotte County. Included in this correspondence are several signed petitions to members of the U.S. Senate from citizens in Arkansas City, Kirwin, and Abilene asking them to vote against the Hamilton Bill which they argue "would annul the solemn pledge of the Government to protect the Indians against the introduction and sale of intoxicants in the Indian territory." Some financial records are also included, such as a report from the finance committee for the previous year, ending February 15, 1905, and receipts and disbursements by month, signed by financial manager S. H. Pitcher. 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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National Woman's Christian Temperance Union

REV. EUGENIA F. ST. JOHN,
NATIONAL EVANGELIST.

Salina, Kansas, Mar 13 1905

Rev. Dexter:

The battle is on, and expect,
as a result of our good work, that
we will surely win.

We are holding mass meetings
in all parts of the town.

We have good attendance and
good audiences.

Every thing that we can do
in the work in our fifth district
we will be sure not to neglect.
We will be glad to have you
assist us at the chautauqua, if
possible we are going to make it
the best of the state.

We will let you know what date
later on, and send you a programme.

Most truly for the cause.

Mrs E. F. St. John.

(Rev. Seccl.)

GEORGE M. LAYMAN, M. A.,
PASTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Wilson, Kansas.

March 14, '05. 7

Rev. W. L. Hays, Jr.,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Bro.: I was very much pleased with
the report of the Convention in the last issue of
"The Issue" and I wish you would send me
a lead or half dozen extra copies. Each address
draws the most attention. I had a crowded church
to hear my report of the Convention.

Our injunction cases don't seem to make much
progress though the amended petition has been filed.
Spring elections drawing near and little doing
I fear among the temperance people.

Cordially yours,
Geo. M. Layman



Preston, Kan.,
Mch. 14, 1905.

Friend and Brother,

Yours of the 10th. inst.
duly received and carefully noted.
We gladly announce for you
on the evening of the 28th. inst.
Posters received also. Will endeavor to
give it wide circulation.

Very Sincerely Yours,
N. G. Robertson.

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Edmond Kans 3-15-05
W L Dexter
Sec
Dear Sir
Yours of recent
date rec + note what you
say relative to stepping pointed
by infraction
Yes I also think that is the
proper way but the trouble
is to get drinking men
to come into court & swear
against the jointest while
abundance of liquor is
being sold in this town.
only two days ago 2 men
& 2 boys got gloriously
drunk right in our streets
one being so drunk that



only one or two days in
town say Friday & Saturdays
I am informed that our
Dist. Judge in all C.K. &
think he would make an
infraction and perpetual
as I stated before some
Twenty men have signed an
agreement to defray the
expense of necessary to
prosecute these cases
Yours for Law & Order

L D Wells

Edmund Ross



he had to be loaded into
the wagon, just like any
other hog.
I notice on the margin
of your letter you advertise
that the union employ
detectives. Now what would
it cost us to have one of
your trick & true detectives
to come out here & get
evidence & make a case
against both faintest
it would be very for a
stronger separating
himself to be some
kind of a drummer to
get the liquor I believe
it would only require
our

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Beloit, Kansas, March 15, 1905.

W. L. Dexter, Sec.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--

We have been trying some of the witnesses, whose names your secret service man procured for us. I handed these names to the County Attorney after the arrest was made and he subpoenaed them. So far they have all turned out bad. Tom Pace, whom your man thought would be a star witness, testifies positively that he never bought liquor in any of the places. The parties that your man designated as the Blue front men and the U. P. operator both testified to the same effect. Now it is up to us to show that there was some reason for having these parties subpoenaed or we will lose prestige with the officers. You might show this letter to your man and ask him whether he would be willing to come up here and confront these witnesses or appear against them on a trial for perjury. Our people are feeling pretty sore about this, feel that they have blown in a considerable of good money without producing any results.

Yours truly,
J. E. TICE.

(Copy. Original sent to Mr. Coddling.)

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Scandia, Kans.
Mch. 15th 1905.

Rev. W. L. Dexter,

Dear sir:-

I write you in regard to our
Civic League. We have had
three public meetings and have
taken in twelve new members.
Did you organize a county
league in this county?
Our treasurer is Oliver Nelson,
Scandia, and he would
like you to write to him
as he has some money
for the state union and
does not know who to
send it to.



I will send forty cents in
stamps for two Kansas
Prohibitory Law Enforcement
Bulletins.

Yours respectfully,
John S. Garman.
Scandia,
Kans.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
DAVID H. SHIELDS, A. B.,
MINISTER.
RESIDENCE 637 WEST WALNUT ST.
PHONE 443.

Salina, Kansas, March 16, 1905.

Mr. W.L. Dexter,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dexter:-

Can you tell me about what part of the price of a glass of beer remains in the community in which it is drunk? I have the conviction that the larger percent goes back to the brewer, the railroad, the Government &c., but have no figures. Of course the liquor men are working the same old racket that the town will go to the "devil" financially if we do not have joints. I will have ^{to have} information before Sunday. I want to use it Sunday night.

Men seem to concede my election on every hand but I am extremely suspicious of the present calm. I wish that it were possible to have Coddling here awhile. The joints are all closed and no ~~business~~ suites are on. We are doing the best that we know on the Council matter. If we can use you to advantage in a speech we will not be backward to call on you.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Yours,

David H. Shields.



GENERAL OFFICE

The Kansas State Temperance Union,

703 JACKSON STREET,
TOPEKA.

Law Enforcement Department.



Wamego, Kansas,

March, 17th, 1905

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

Dear Brother:--

While holding an inquisition at Scott City day before yesterday I discovered a number of shipments from the Wholesale house of M. K. Wolf & Co., at Ellenwood, Kansas. I think that you will find that within a radius of a hundred miles of ~~Leavenworth~~ ^{Ellenwood} that a great many of the shipments are made from that firm.

Under our law the express companies, railroad companies, agents where liquor is shipped from Kansas points to Kansas points are amenable to the law, and if the matter was taken up with the proper authorities I believe that this wholesale business in Kansas could be stopped.

Yours very truly,



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Wamego, Kansas, March, 17th, 1905

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

Dear Brother:--

Answering yours in regard to the Knauer matter would say that the papers are here, but I have not data as to who are the real parties to be enjoined. If it has been furnished we have mislaid it.

I wish that you would fill out this blank and correct the ones that are filled out and return them when they are filled out and I will prepare the papers.

I would come down and help Chief Stahl Saturday had I known it a little sooner. I have made other arrangements. I wish that they could get it put off until Monday as I expect to be there assisting Foster in the argument of the cases before Judge Dana.

Mr. Richards is at Ellsworth this week. I have prepared all the papers and will strike a blow early next week.

Yours very truly,



Scott City, Kans., March 18th 1905.

Hon J.K. Coddington,
Wamego, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In thinking over the matter presented by you regarding the raising of funds, will say that we surely ought to be able to raise the funds by counties, if in no other way as there are 105 counties and \$100 each would be \$10,000. I would guarantee \$100 for Scott County but the smaller counties as rule would not give that much. I think that it would be best to strike for the \$10,000 instead of \$50000 for yhe reason that if we s should fail in getting the \$10,000 we would have more than \$5000. 100 persons at \$100 each would give us that amount and surely in the whole state of Kansas there would be that number. A gentlemen came into my office Thursday and remarked that I had been quite busy. I told him that I had been, that I had been away the day before. He said he meant my inquiry into the liquor business. He said he was heartily in sympathy with the movement and handed me \$5 for the work. This man is quite wealthy and lives at Gloversville N.Y. Unless I change my mind I shall write him to-day ask ng him for a \$100 donation. I have a friend at Iola that I think will be able to work up that amount there. I am not sure but another party at Coffeyville and another at Neodesha will do the same. Of couse it would be best to ask for a donation according to population to a greater or less extent. Whether it would be best to work through the W.C.T.U. or not is a question. I am very much in favor of starting in one the thing and trying to accomplish the end that you desire.

Have you any new plans or suggestions here.

Dic.R

Yours truly,
W.O. Bourne.



"We mean to go right on. We mean to be as good natured as sunshine, but as persistent as fate."

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Winfield, Kansas, 3 19 1903

W. L. Dexter
Topeka Kansas

Dear Mr. Dexter:

Our Executive will meet in Topeka April 5, 6, 7. If you wish to bring anything regarding the papers or any matter of importance before committee, would Thursday April 6 at 7:30 P. M. suit you?

I thank you for suggestions you send. Winfield is having a fight and we hope for victory but the enemy are very aggressive. Enclosed find some of our campaign documents. One week from today we expect to have Rev. Lynch here and two weeks from today Bernard Kelley. All pastors today preached "Good Citizenship" sermons. The "wets" found it difficult to secure a candidate for mayor.

Hastily

Elizabeth Antanson



First Congregational Church,

J. E. KIRKPATRICK, Pastor.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETS WITH THIS
CHURCH, MAY 9-12, 1905.

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KIRWIN, KANSAS, 3/20/05.

Rev. W. L. Dexter,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Brother:-

Has the Supreme court not yet handed down their decision on the Stockman case. Our City election here looks as if we were thru with our local fight. A strong bus. mans ticket is put up and backed up by the leading business men on the basis of law and order. They are tired of the strife and have taken this way to end it. It leaves the whiskey paper and ring entirely out. I can not get things to moveing at the Purg where they are about as open and rotten as they well can be.

Yours,

J. E. Kirkpatrick



Nebraska Anti-Saloon League

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Lincoln, Neb., *Feb- 21-* 190*5*

Mr. L. Dexter Secy. N. S. S. U.

Dear Sir-

Four Months since I requested your
Secy of State to Ans. Me a few Questions in
which I wished to prepare a brief Circular
on contrast conditions of our State Capital
He wrote me he had referred the matter to Mr.
Somebody who would Ans me. When I get
that Answer I will feel like answering
your similar request.

Cordially
J. B. Carnes
State Supt.

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Paola, Kansas, March, 22, 1905.

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

Dear Bro:-

Your first letter caught me upon reaching Humboldt, and the last one just as I left yesterday. I tried to get arrangements started for the Whorrall meeting, but as Conference meets this week and Preachers will be moving next week, and I am now here most of the time, it looks like we would have to pass the opportunity by, much as such work is needed at H.

Cordially,

F. W. Fenn.



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Minden Mar 22nd -05

Rev W de Dwyer.

Dear Sir & Bro Worker -
 Card received from Miss E R ob-
 ertson, please thank her for me for
 same. Will say this time I have
 been sick since Saturday morning.
 Sat & Sun. I was very sick, had a
 bad bilious attack, am far from well
 now. It is going to be impossible for
 me to accomplish any thing for this
 one now. I must have time to get up
 a stirring speech for my meeting.
 Do you remember the statement
 made by Rev J de Brandt of St Louis.
 at meeting, about the saloon near
 a church where could be seen the
 drunken men, and their condition.
 Also the song in meeting, Never my



God to thee &c. Can you send it
to me as near as told as possible.
I have one other statement from a
jewell Co man, that is a stunner
also. Also I heard one at Topeka,
just before I took the midnight
train, it was at a lunch counter.
I have been getting a few friends in-
terested in my movement to help give
it a boost in a financial and Amen
way. Yes I have found much true
encouragement I believe. I am going
to put my whole family on the
list of dollar members to start with
and I believe I can get a or more
that will help in a generous way.
Don't think you had better say
much about movement in Issue
this one, if anything, would rather
send results. If you think the
temperance public are anxious to



hear if anything is being done, you might
say, Moore is busy in the work. If you
think there is no call for expression
of any kind please leave mention of
this no. Give me any stirring acts
you may have at hand to help me out.
I am told our County Att: is going to
close everything up, and I think he
has started. Expect soon to hear of
the Menden outlaws being pulled.
I intend to get right business as fast
as possible on the dollar line, we
must have funds.
Hoping my health and time may be
equal to the effort I am
Yours Truly
J W M Moore.



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2, Rev. W. L. D.
satisfactory to the enemies of prohibition because they see us sitting
on the safety valve and are looking for the blowing up of the machine.
We must make some provision for the legal sale for legitimate use.

Shall we try to increase the number of agencies until they will
meet the need or is there some better way through the reputable drug-
gists of the state?

The agency is in bad repute among us to begin with. Towns which
have run them have run them for revenue. Not more than two of the fif-
teen agencies now in operation are run with any reference to the law.
They are controlled by the municipal officers who as a rule will not
run an agency unless they can sell rum enough to make it pay a profit
to the town. In fact agencies are commonly established by the towns
which establish them, not for the accommodation of the people who need
liquor for legitimate purposes but to make a profit and reduce the tax-
es.

The Druggists also if allowed to sell at all are liable to take
advantage of the permission and establish Drugstore Rumshops. An ef-
fort has been made this winter to frame a bill which would put the
honor of the profession of Pharmacy into the stake and compel the Phar-
macists to observe the restrictions of the law on penalty of losing
their registration. In this state the druggists are organized under
a Pharmacy law which is administered by a Commission appointed by
the Governor. This Commission controls the registration of druggists.
The proposed Druggists bill placed the granting of permits to reputa-
ble druggists to sell liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes
only, in the hands of this Commission. In case any persons to whom per-
mits had been granted were found violating the rules and selling for
other purposes the commission would not only take away the permits
but on conviction in court their registration would be revoked.

I will enclose to you a copy of the proposed bill for your ex-
amination and shall be very thankful for your criticism of the same.
I count your judgment as of special value for the reason that you
have had some experience with a druggists law.

The question with us is: which of the above methods is best for
us to try to make prevail in the circumstances. The druggist law is
out of the question for two years as our legislature is soon to close.
But we must plan for the future and ought to decide whether the method
by the Pharmacy under the control of the commission appointed by the
Governor, or the Agency in the hands of the shifting municipal officers
in the 500 cities and towns of the state is the safer method.

It is a good deal to ask of a busy man to consider this matter
for us, but your experience will be of great value in helping us decide.

We are dealing with a tremendous question. How to handle the
liquor problem does not become less serious with the years. We are making
progress surely but slowly,

Faithfully yours,

G. E. Owen



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Reverend W. L. Dexter,
Sec'y Kansas State Temperance Union;
Waterville, Me., March, 23, '05.

My dear Sir and Brother:-

Rev. Edwin C. Dinwiddie writes me that you would be interested in the temperance situation in Maine and as representative worker in the cause would be able to offer some valuable hints out of your experience.

Maine as you know has had the prohibitory law upon its statute for fifty years and in the constitution for twenty years. Conditions have been far better than formerly and no doubt better than they would have been under any known form of license and local option. We stand for state prohibition. It must be said, however, that in the administration of the law we have drifted into illegal county option. Aggressive bad citizens, interested in the liquor business, aided by money contributed by out-of-state parties who are also interested in our liquor business have succeeded in some counties in carrying elections of sheriffs and county att'ys against the less aggressive and often indifferent "good citizens". County officials thus elected deliberately ignored the statute and created a system of nullification of their own.

A powerful reaction against this form of lawlessness has developed. A Governor has been elected who has the vigor and virtue to reform matters. The present legislature has given him the power and supplied the means by which the state executive can enforce a state law in case subordinate officers refuse or neglect to do so. Since the passage of the law the recreant County officials have sprung to duty as though determined to make the new law unnecessary, at least so far as its active administration is concerned. The presence of the law, as a whip before a cunning horse, seems to make the use of the law unnecessary. Such is the first effect at least of its enactment. There seems no reason to doubt that we are to have uniform and thorough enforcement of prohibition in every part of the state. Even the enemies of the law are determined to have it enforced for a time at least. They propose to give the lovers of prohibition enough of their own law. We propose to try to stand it gracefully.

At the present time there are but fifteen places in the state where liquor of any kind can be bought for any purpose without violating the law. No druggist can sell unmixed spirits even when prescribed by a physician. By our law the municipal officers of each city and town may establish one agency for the legal sale of liquor for medicinal, mechanical and manufacturing purposes. Only fifteen cities and towns in the state conduct such agencies at the present time, but with the coming of genuine and uniform enforcement it is more than probable that the number of these agencies will be rapidly multiplied, if the agency law is continued.

The question before us is: What is the best way to provide for the legal sale of alcoholic liquor for legitimate use. We believe in PROHIBITING the sale of liquor for beverage purposes and at the same time in making proper provision for the legal sale of liquor for legitimate use. At present we are pushing the Prohibition with all zeal and making no sufficient provision for the legal sale. This is

Quenemo Kans
Mar 28-1905.
Kansas State Temperance
Union.
703 Jackson St Topeka
Dear Temperance Workers.
We are in sorry need of
Temperance helpers here.
Can you send us help
or give us some infor-
mation how to go at
it.
We have so few true
temperance workers here,
and so much work to do
that we would like some
help from the Union as
soon as we can get it.

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We have two drugstores
that have permits and
I couldnt tell how many
other dives.

Monday night
there were two fellows
got drunk (bought their
whiskey at the drugstore)
the Marshall was taking
one of them to the lock
up, and the other one slipped
up behind threw a rock
hit the Marshall on the
head just back of the
ear, he is considered to
be seriously hurt, and that
same young man that did
the deed was not of age

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but has a wife and two
little children, and his
Mother & Father were to
be in town to day, one of
our temperance workers,
were going down to the
drugstore with them to
see what they could find
out, for them.

Our old County Judge
and Storney will not help
us for they have granted
the permits to one of the
drugstores, the second year
after he had violated the law
the first year, so bad that
they could not help but
know it.

now we apply to
you people for aid and aid.



do hope you will grant
it and as soon as possible
I will add that I am a
subscriber to The Kansas
Issue and have been ^{for} some
time.

hoping to hear from
you soon I remain very
sincerely yours
Mrs. Lou Lord
wife of E. J. Lord.



GENERAL OFFICE

The Kansas State Temperance Union,

703 JACKSON STREET,
TOPEKA.

Law Enforcement Department.

Wamego, Kansas, March, 25th, 1905

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

Dear Brother:--

I will receive my expense money from Mr. Robinson of Paola all right.

Mr. Wolf came here yesterday and spent the day with me and he is going to obtain injunctions against Ellsworth saloon keepers. Every other place is in good shape except Leavenworth, and I will know after Wednesday what is going to happen to me there. I have great hopes of the future of the work. I am already making promises for Sunday evening meetings, at which places I am in hopes to be able to so so interest the people in our work that a good response in the way of finances will come.

I hope that your meeting last night was a success. The Temperance harvest in Kansas is ready to be gathered and I know that the reapers will be many.

Yours very truly,

J. Hudding

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Muscotah, Kansas, March 25th, 1905.

Rev. Dexter,

Secretary State Temperance Union.

Will you write me the relation of the Legal Department of the Kansas State Temperance Union to local conditions in communities in which the prohibitory law is disregarded.

Discuss for my enlightenment the manner of proceeding, say for instance, against "bootlegging" and a drug store, the owner of which does not hold a permit, etc.

What evidence will need to be secured for your lawyer to come here and take the case? We are in Atchison Co. I heard about the case in Arrington, where something has been done. Write me as plainly as you can. You may feel surprised at having a preacher write on a sheet of druggist paper, but this one is all right, and I happen to be in his store while I write.

Yours truly,

J. E. McCLAIN,

Pastor First Cong'l Church,
Muscotah, Kansas.

P. S. Do your attorneys require the same evidence to proceed in a case as the County Attorney demands?

(Copy of letter from Mr. Glaine. Original sent to Mr. Coddington.)

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10
Beloit, Kansas, March 25, 1905.

W. L. Dexter,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--

I have yours of March 17th and note that you will take up the matter of the testimony of the witnesses procured by him while he was here as soon as he returns. Our District Court meets the third Monday in April and I am anxious to get this matter in shape as soon as possible. You might tell him that Charles Coulson was examined before the County Attorney last week and that he denied any knowledge of any of the facts that your man told us he would swear to.

Yours truly,
J. E. TICE.

(Copy. Original sent to Mr. Codding.)

