

Anti-Saloon League materials

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These materials relate to the Kansas Department of the Anti-Saloon League of America. Correspondence is primarily between State Superintendent W.J. Herwig and Reverend Milo G. Kelser, field manager at the Anti-Saloon League of America headquarters in Westerville, Ohio. Correspondence is also exchanged with Reverend Julius Smith and Professor O. G. Markham of Baldwin City. Travel itineraries, legislation, and the effects of World War I are frequent topics of conversation. The group sought to organize prohibition meetings in conjunction with Sunday church services around the state. Monthly financial reports are also included.

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WESTERVILLE, OHIO

LECTURE BUREAU

REV. MILO G. KELSER, FIELD MANAGER

May 31st. '17.

Rev. W. J.Herwig, 918 kansas Ave., Topeka, Kans.

Dear Brother:

I have wired mobson in accordance with your request, to ascertain whether he can speak in Kansas City, Kans., on June 25th. I have also written my brother, Paul, who is with Hobson in Michigan, informing him that you expect him to work up the Hobson meetings in Kansas. I told Paul that you would have the dates all arranged with keymen appointed, etc., and also that you would rush to us the data for these meetings and that we would get the advertising material on the ground in the hands of the keymen in short order, so that he could have everything to go to work on his arrival. arrival.

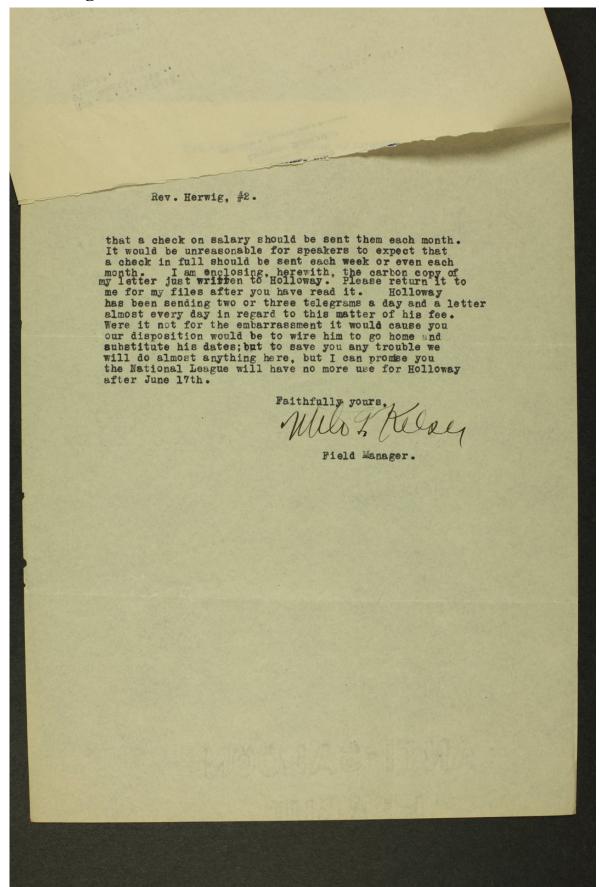
Now, Herwig, please rush to us the data for the meetings.

Old fellow, don't allow yourself to worry. Having done your best, let it go at that. Worry will not mend matters. I have not taken time to sum up the resits of the campaign thus far but have a feeling that the campaign as a whole when it is completed will make a very creditable showing.

Your wire to Doty this morning would seem to indicate that Holloway has given you the impression that the National League will not even pay his expenses. This is not the case. Two expense checks have been sent to him and one check for \$100.00 and he has only been with us three weeks.

Holloway makes the unreasonable contention that he should have his check each week to cover fee and expenses. There has been no understanding of that kind. Most of our speakers are employed at the rate of so much per week, but none of them have ever asked or expected more than that a check to cover their expenses should be sent to them at the end of each month after their expense books have been received and







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Topeka, Kansas May 31, 1917

Mr.Milo G.Kelser. Westerville, Ohio.

Dear Kelser:

I received your letter inclosing carbon copy of your letter to Swan. Swan called up from Wichita this morning wanting to know what was the matter. I think we will get Swan whipped into line in pretty good shape by the time we get through. I noticed quite a change in his manners at Independence last Sunday. It seemed as though he went after things with some thoroughness and looked after every detail which he did not do at all in the beginning. I am keeping him in Wichita this week looking after the Wichita field there. He will take Smith's appointments at Plainville, Natoma, Luray, Lucas and Sylvan Grove. Have cancelled Lincoln and Tescott. You will understand that Young takes the remainder of Smith's appointments beginning at Junction City.

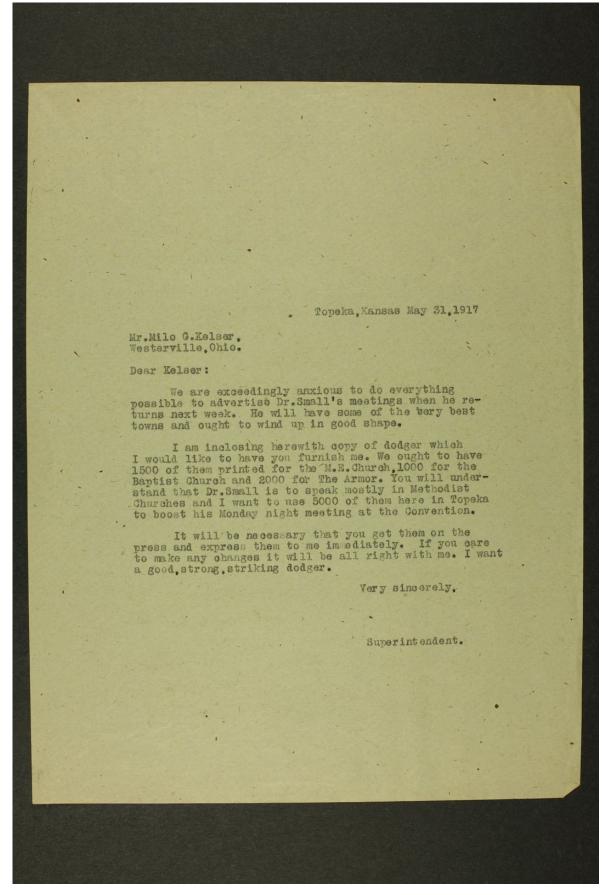
I want to say this in behalf of Swan. We gave Swan perhaps the worst territory that we have in Kansas which is the Southeastern part of the State, which is as bad as some parts of Southern Missouri and parts of Arkansas. We have had but very little co-operation heretofore from this part of the state. The encouraging letters that you received and the reports that have been coming in have come from the Central and Western part of the state. We have had but very little complaint so far from the other speakers excepting Phifer, who states that in several instances advertising matter did not reach him.

Moran sends in very encouraging reports from the Southwestern part of the state. All the remainder of our appointments are in this part of the state and also in the Western part. If it will let up raining the best part of our campaign is yet to come but it has been raining almost continuously all week and I am hoping very much indeed that we may have a good clear day at Wichita the soming Sunday.

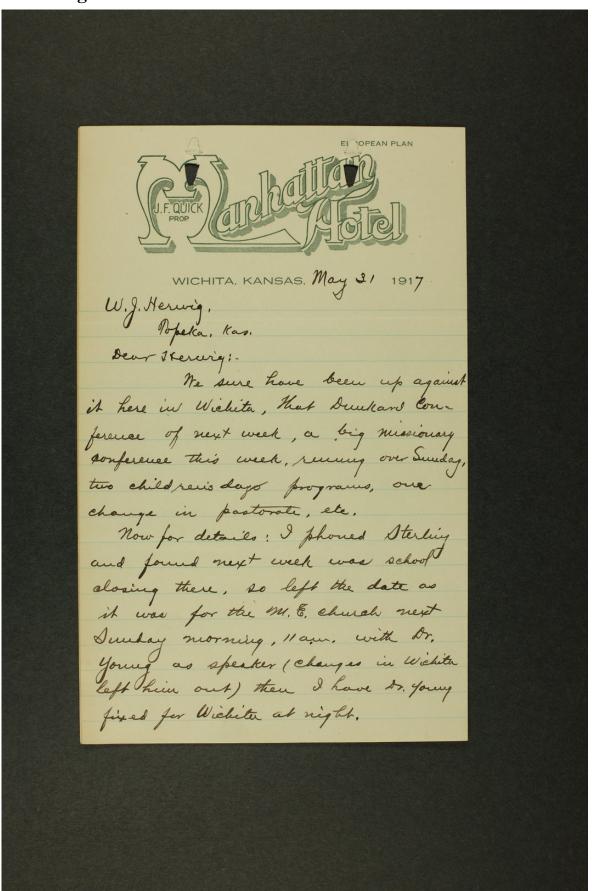
Very sincerely,

Superintendent.

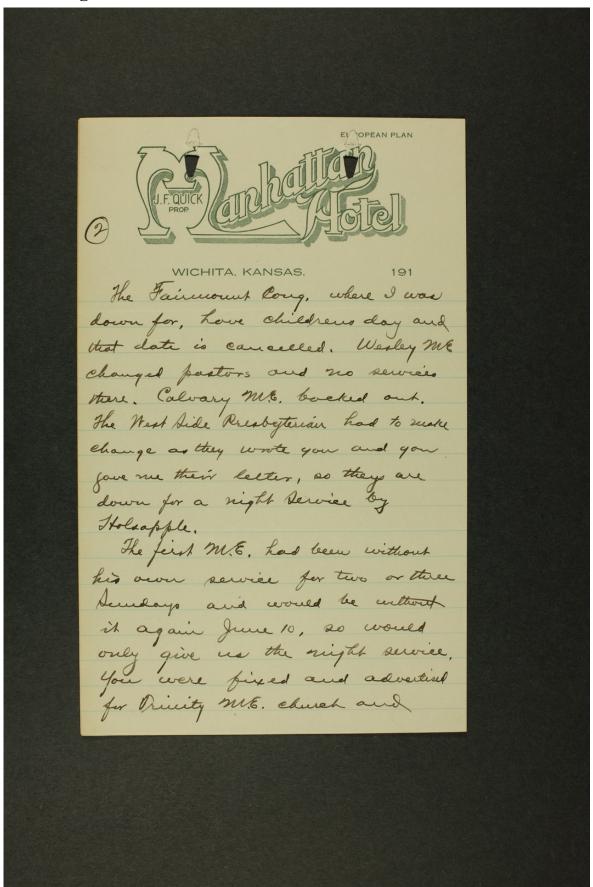




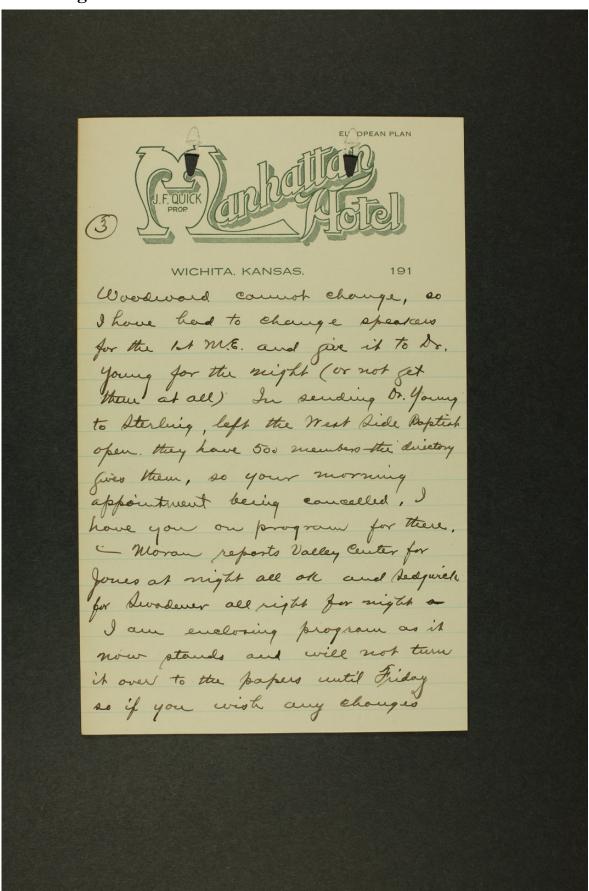




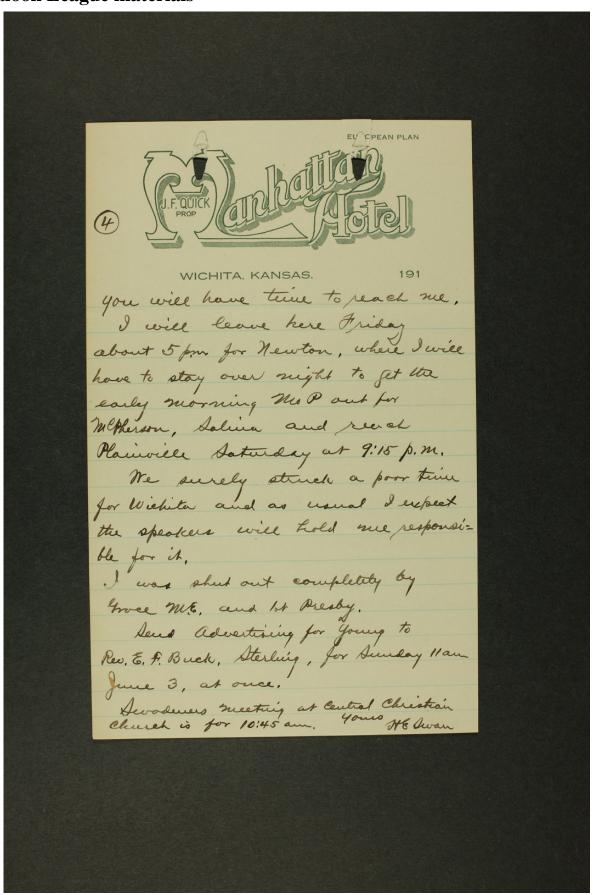




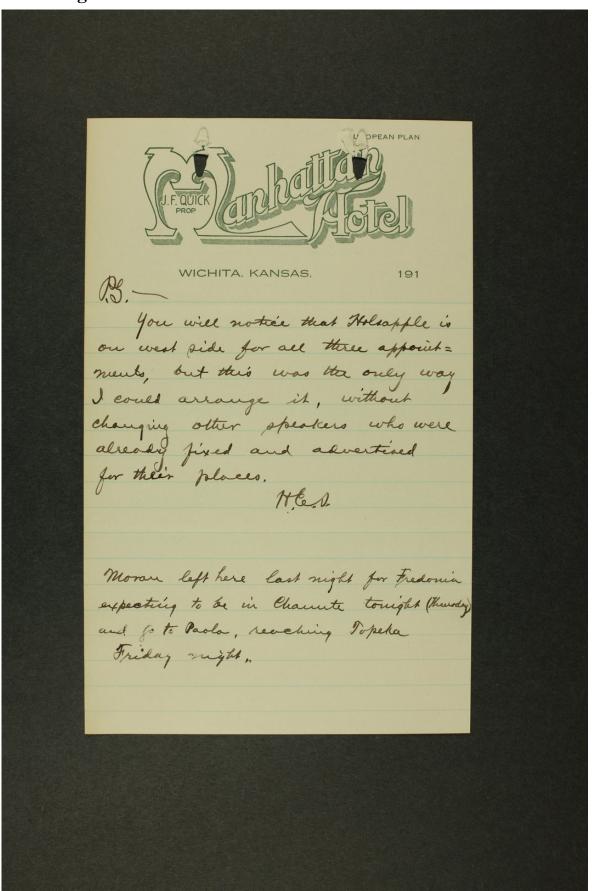




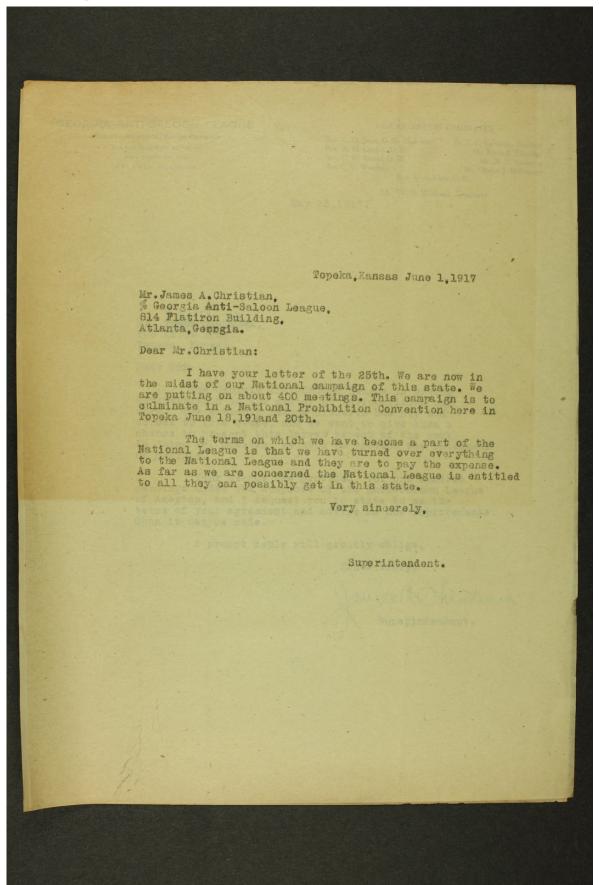




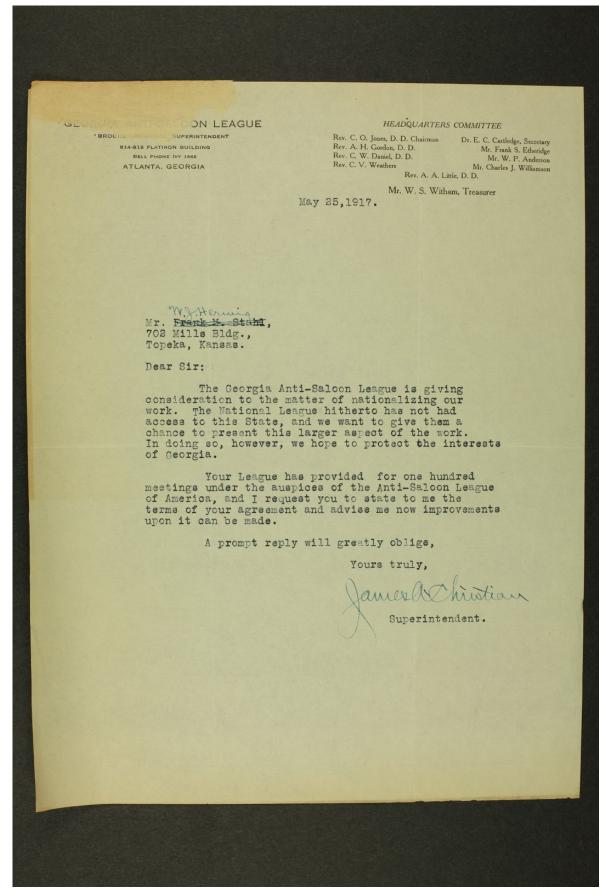














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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

WESTERVILLE, OHIO

LECTURE BUREAU

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June 1st, '17.

Rev. W. J. Herwig, 918 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kans.

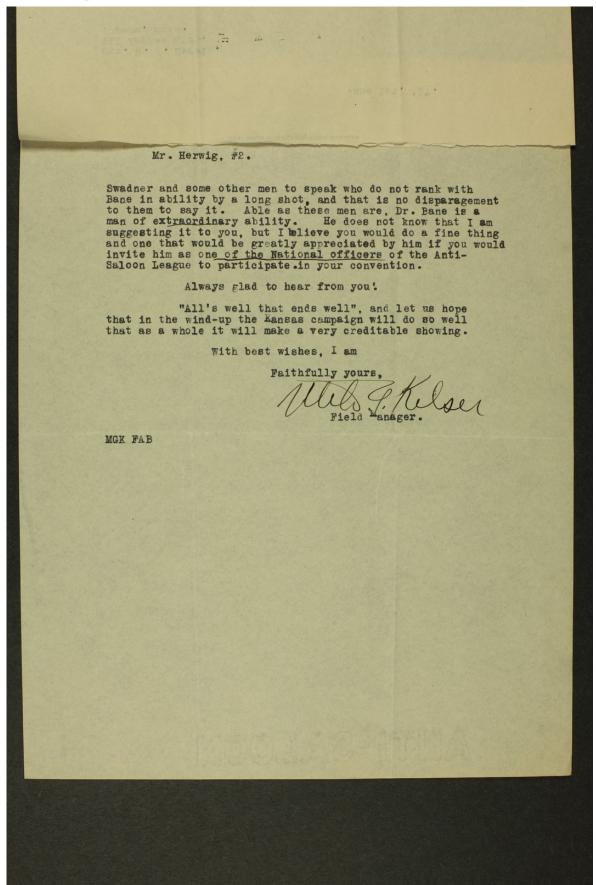
Dear Brother Herwig:

Dr. Bane has been in the office and has told me in regard to the miserable Sunday appointments which have been assigned to him. He says Swan made the appointments and claims he had instructions from me to make appointments of this character for him. I am very positive I have never given Swan any instructions of any character for making dates in the Kansas campaign. I learned my lesson in regard to that in Mebraska and you will recall I was very careful to impressupon Swan that all instructions from Westerville in regard to date making would be sent direct from you. When it comes to the matter of the arrangements for the campaign, these were left entirely in your hands. I made suggestions in a number of particulars simply to help you get a proper line on the various speakers. As/a matter of course, we would suggest that the highest prices speakerS be given the preference in the matter of appointments. By this we did not mean, however, that speakers of such unusual ability would be given appointments less than medicere. I am confident you would not have consended to Dr. Bane being dated as Swan dated him had you known the facts. You will recall I took pains to caution you in a number of letters in regard to Swan when he went over to Kansas from Nebraska. He certainly lacks in judgment to say the last.

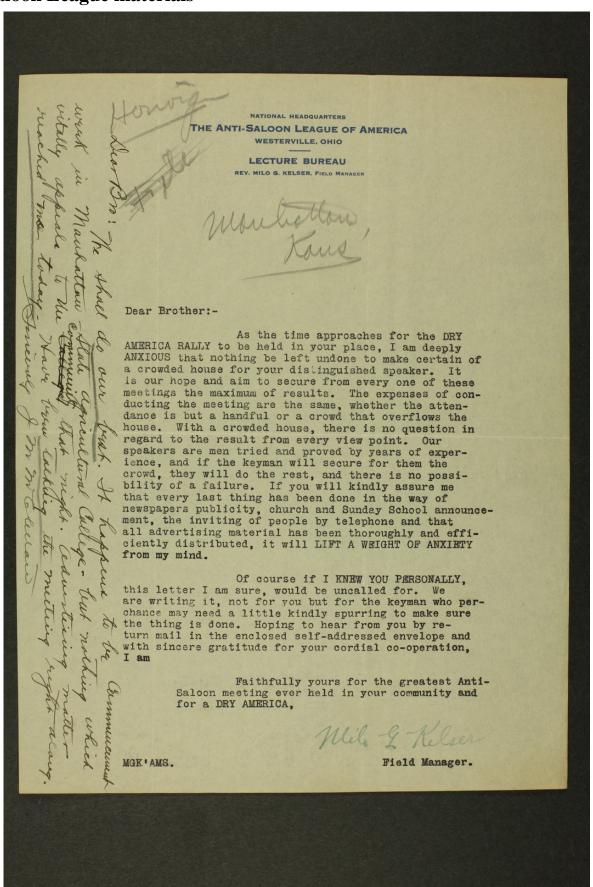
He should continue under your direction in Kansas until the convention, June 20th. I have since wired to Laughbaum that we will have no further use for Swan following June 20th. This I am saying to you in confidence as there is no need of making it a public matter. We have informed Swan of the situation also by letter so it will not be necessary for you to mention the matter to him in any way.

Now, Herwig, Dr. Bane tells me he is not on your program at your National Congress although you have invited

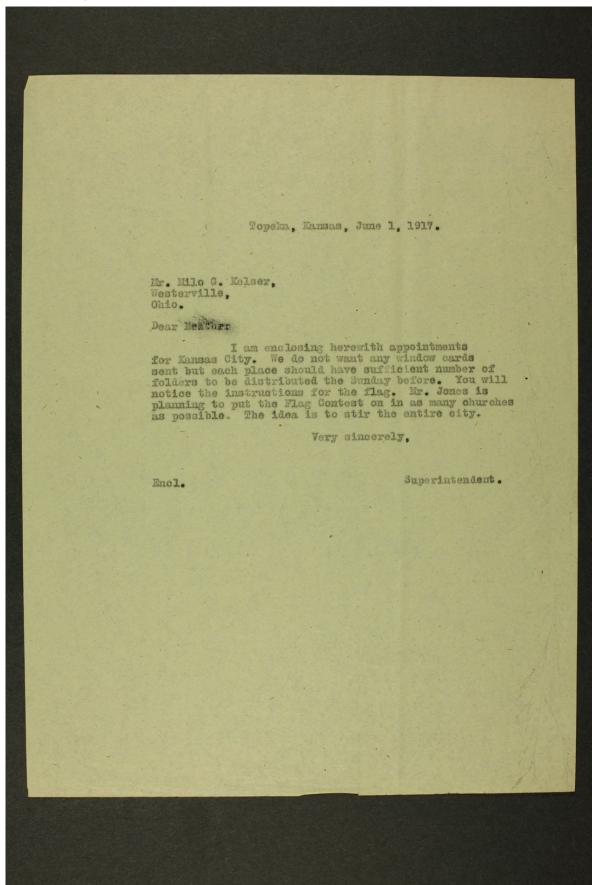




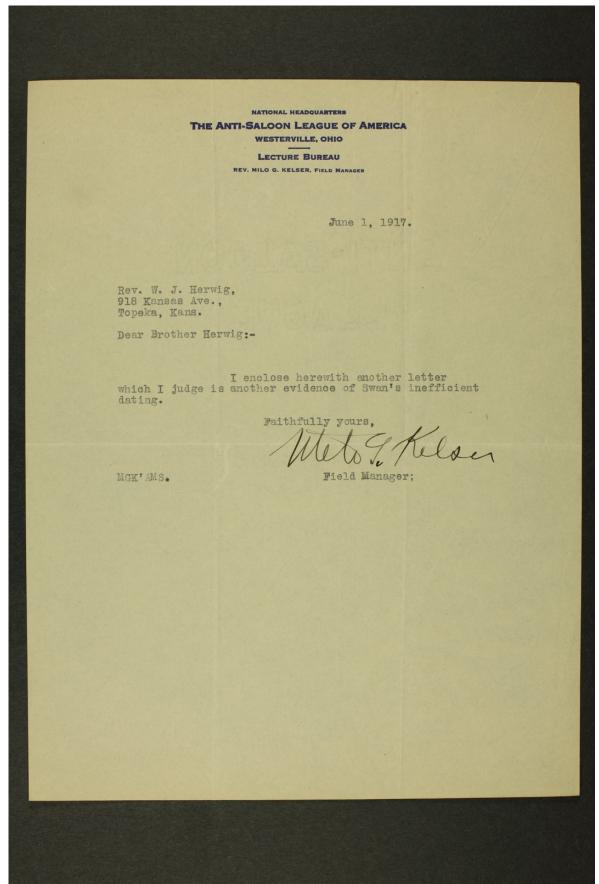




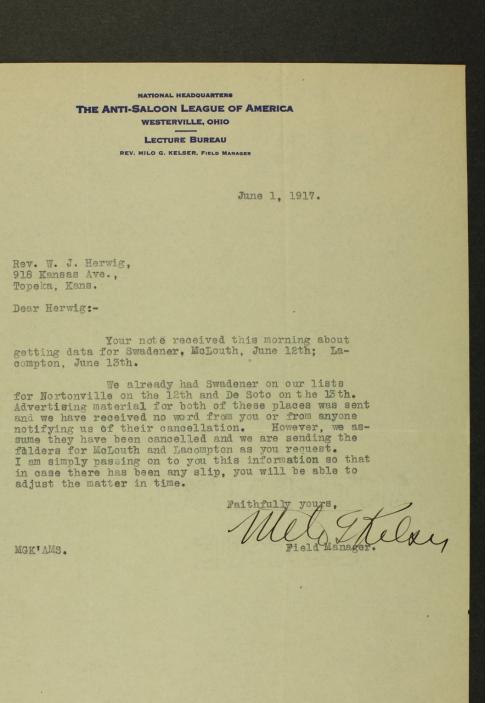
















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Topeka, Kansas, June 1, 1917.

Hon. Wayne B. Wheeler, 30 Bliss Bldg. Washington, D.C.

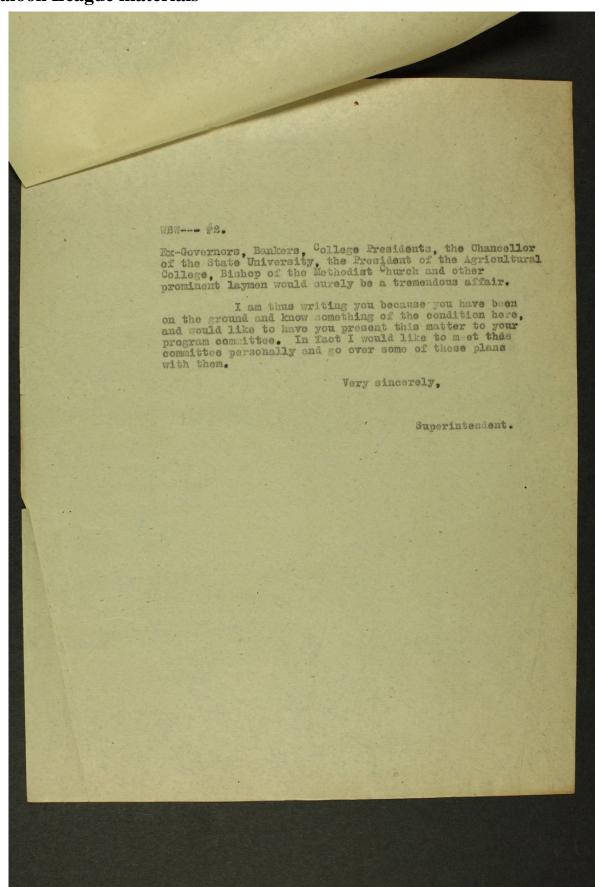
Dear Wheeler:

I notice in the Issue that you have decided to hold the next National Convention at Washington. I am mighty glad to know this. I believe that this convention should be made the greatest ever held. It should far out-strip any previous conventions. We ought to pull off a demonstration in Washington that will surprise the natives.

Now Kansas is in a position to help very materially in most any kind of a proposition that may be suggested. Our National Campaign in is meeting with tremendous and overwhelming response. Not a single church has turned us down. Some of the churches could not have a speaker just at this time, but will take a speaker some time later. Through the activities of the Governor and the activities of the League this State has never been stirred as much as it is at the present time for National Prohibition. Kansas is ready to do most anything to attract the attention of Congress in the matter of National Prehibition. I have been agitating and the matter has been brought before my Committee, and I also took the matter up with the Governor that we organize a prohibition special, charter an entire train the State which is in progress at the present time and I also took the matter up with the Governor that we organize a prohibition special, charter an entire train and come to Washington. I am confident that with the backing from Washington that we can get 200 prominent men headed by the Governor and perhaps two Ex-Governors, if not three, charter an entire train, and attend the Convention. Would suggest that we stop off for an hour or two at say, Chicago, perhaps Cleveland or Columbus, Pittsburg, etc. We would of course expect a prominent place on the program, and will furnish you strong speakers. Perhaps an afternoon session might be given over to Prohibition Kansas. over to Prohibition Kansas.

I am sure that if this could be worked out on a large scale it would attract considerable attention, and the fact that the old pioneer prohibition state of Kansas chartered a train and came clear across to Washington, headed by such men as the Governor, several







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June 2, 1917.

Mr. W. J. Herwig, 918 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

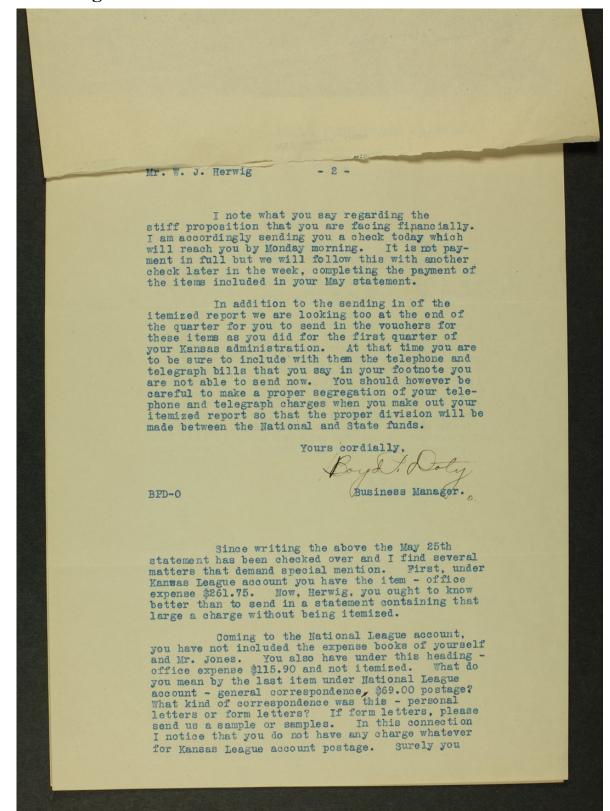
Dear Herwig:

I have yours of May 25 enclosing your report for the month ending on that date. I notice that you have followed the form which we sent you. Answering your first question, all charges under the title, National League Account, of course are charged to Kensas funk K. These expenses were incurred in putting on the Kansas national campaign. I heartily agree with you that there should be a division of yours and Mr. Jones' salary between Kansas and the National Kansas fund K. I leave to you the proper distribution and you should separate on the account your salary according to the time you have given to the two kinds of work. I see that you have charged all of the salaries to Kansas fund K. If you will in this instance write me what proportion you think ought to be charged to Kansas I will make the segregation here this time without asking you to re-write the itemized account.

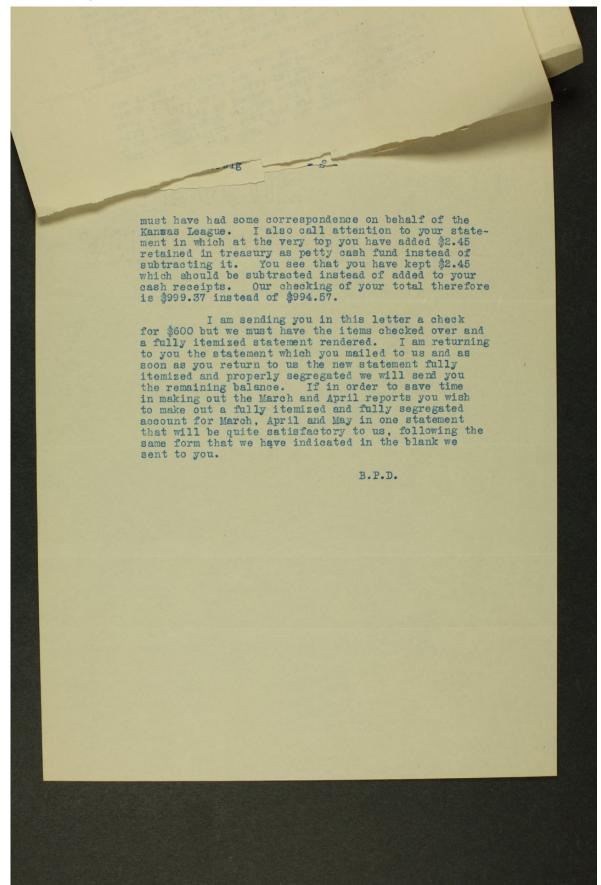
Coming now to previous reports. It is true that you gave your segregations in those reports but manifestly they were not along the lines of the form which we submitted to you recently and which form you have followed in the May report, and I have been looking for a report covering March and April following this new outline. Please do this at once so that we may have the proper distribution made here. I know that in the midst of a strenuous campaign it is easy to slide over these detail matters but it is of the utmost importance that they be done and done promptly so that there will be no confusion in our accounts. It is a good deal easier to straighten them up when they are fresh in the mind of all than to let them slide and take them up months later.



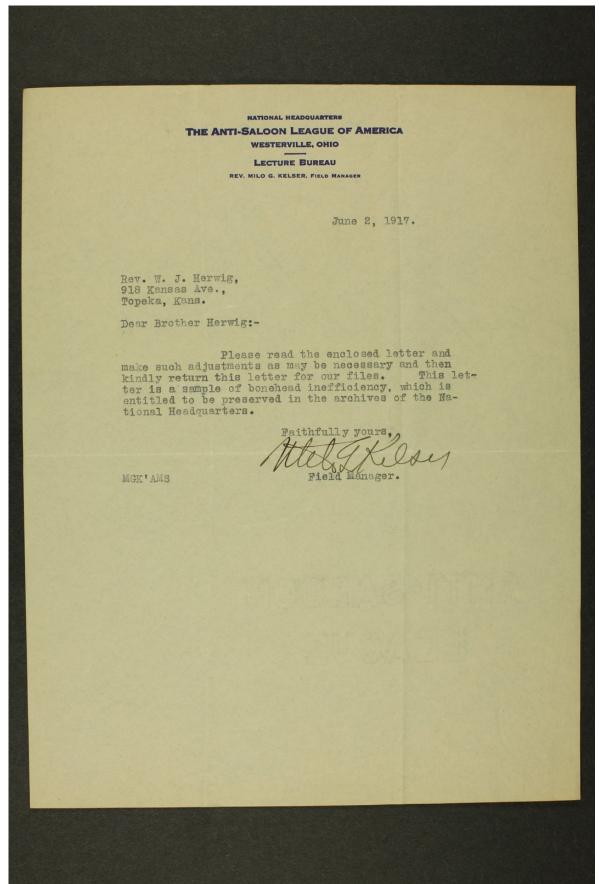
















Topeka, Kan. June 4,1917

Mr.Milo G.Kelser. Westerville, Ohio.

My Dear Friend and Brother:

I have delayed answering your kind letter of May 17 in which you said that the Accounting Department have called your attention to the fact that I have failed to specify amount paid in bills on my report cards. I have tried to report all bills in the proper place but there are not always bills and I did not see any way where I could put anything over into the bills column but I shall be very delighted to report always to the satisfaction of the Accounting Department.

Now Brother Kelser, on May 17 I received a letter from you quoting from Rev.H.B.Mayo of Beloit and from Gano of Randolph.
Mr.Gano was a little bit hard to date with because of the last speaker in his church representing the State Temperence Union who greatly embarrassed both the Pastor and Congregation, but Mr.Gano agreed to grant the date and to take charge of the advertising as keyman. That was a date where I had found it necessary to date by telephone and that perhaps was at least part of the reason for complaint but we are all liable to mistakes for the letters that I am answering were sent to me in care of 403 Fraternity Bldg.Lincoln. Nebraska, a building In with which I have never been, for as you know I am at Topeka, Kansas. Then another mistake that I might mention and should have mentioned before hand had it not been that I have been greatly taken up dating for the campaign, is, that the window cards for Jno.G.Woolley were sent to Scott City, as you will see from a part of one inclosed, and only four cards of Mr.Holloway were sent. As it happened I was going through and called up the keyman and upon being informed of the mistake I took a blue pencil and changed the cards so that they could be used for they only had a few days left in which to advertise.

This is the first dating of the kind that I have done and of course there are a good many things to be learned and be a good date maker requires not only Pep but a liberal amount of diplomacy and fine strategy. However, I a, trying to make the Kansas City field day dates ideal for I have in this case done all of the dating.

I have wanted to write to you for several days but have deferred doing so because of our tremendous rush.

Hoping to co-operate in the most hearty and effective way possible and to see you if possible at our State Convention, which by the way is no mean affair, I am

Most cordially.



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June 4, 1917.

Rev. W. J. Herwig, 918 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kans.

Dear Brother Herwig:-

Yours of May 31st came duly to hand.

In accordance with your request, we have ordered printed tonight Handbills, for the M. E. Church, Baptist Church and the Armory. You asked also for 5000 of them for Sam Small's Monday night meeting in Topeka at the Convention, but you do not state the name of the auditorium where the Convention will be held. Please send me by return mail the name of the Convention hall and the hour of the meeting and we will run the 5000 Handbills immediately.

Faithfully yours,

MGK AMS.



