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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA WESTERVILLE, OHIO

> LECTURE BUREAU REV. MILO G. KELSER, FIELD MANAGER

> > August 8, 1919.

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

Dear Brother Herwig:

I am wondering if you would not deisre to give us a new subject for your address. I believe a subject not directly mantioning Prohibition would be better than, "America to Lead in the Fight for World Prohibition," etc.

I find there is a great deal in a subject when it comes to drawing the drowd. Capt. Hobson's subject at the present time is, "America and the Destiny of the World." Another speaker has, "The Dawn of World-round Democracy"; another, "The World Mission of the American Republic"; another, "Destruction and Reconstruction -- Some World Problems." I believe a subject something of this character would be better

It does not matter so much whether one's address grows out of his subject especially or not. What is desired is a subject that in itself has drawing power. For instance, when Sam Small spoke in Westerville during the war, we advertised him for an address on, "How to Lick the Kaiser." I am sure that subject drew the overflowing house more than the advertising of Small himself. Needless to say, the speech did full justice to the subject.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope, and with best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

REV. P. A. BAKER, D. D.
REV. HOWARD H. RUSSELL, D. D.
ERNEST H. CHERRINGTON
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

FOSTER COPELAND. TREASURER August 11, 1919.

Rev. W. J. Herwig, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Herwig:

I wonder if you are aware that every ordained minister connected with the Anti-Saloon League, giving his entire time to the work and deriving his support therefrom, is entitled to the use of a Clergy Fare Certificate.

Paragraph M of the rules governing the issuing of such certificates reads as follows:

"M. Ordained ministers of religion connected with Brotherhood of St Andrew, Baptist Young Peoples' Union, Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, Knights of Columbus. W C T U, Y M C A, or Y M H A, also those engaged in Christian Temperance work or acting as Chaplins in the U S Army or Navy."

Under this it would appear clear that all ORDAINED MINISTERS engaged in League work may use the Clergy Certificate. I am presenting my claims to the New York office for a Certificate as a League worker, notwithstanding the fact that I am a LAYMAN. Years ago, when an attorney for the Ohio League, I traveled on such a permit until all permits were abolished due to the spread of the two cent fare law.

This is only a friendly suggestion to you. It is worth your while. It will save thousands of dollars for the Leagues and there is no good logical reason why laymen should not be granted these Clergy Certificates, and there is nothing to prevent our getting them except possibly a technical interpretation of a rule limiting them to ORDAINED MINISTERS. You will do well to follow this up immediately by applying for application blanks at your nearest U S Railroad Administration office. If you know of any layman now engaged in league work who has had a Clergy Fare Certificate issued to him, you will confer a great favor on all League men everywhere if you will give me the information by return mail. We want to push this for all it is worth.

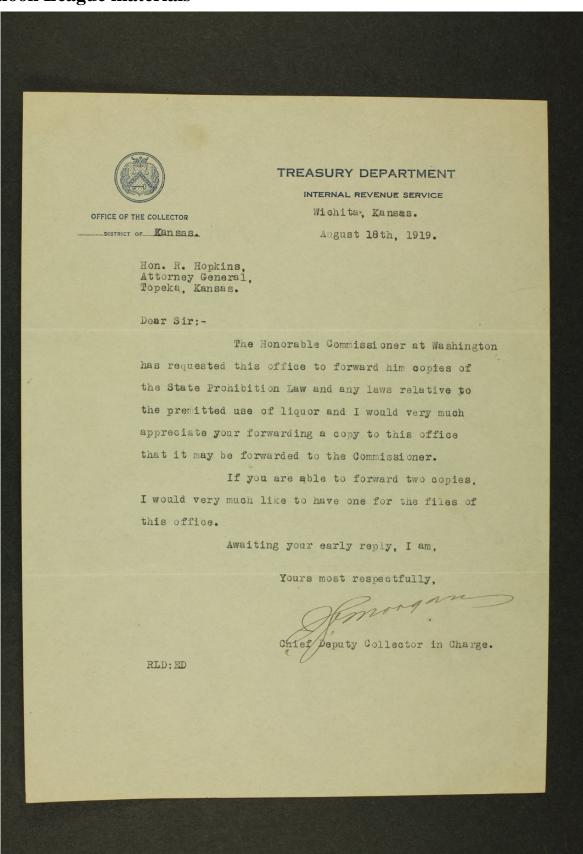
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Assistant Secretary, Committee on Financial Management.

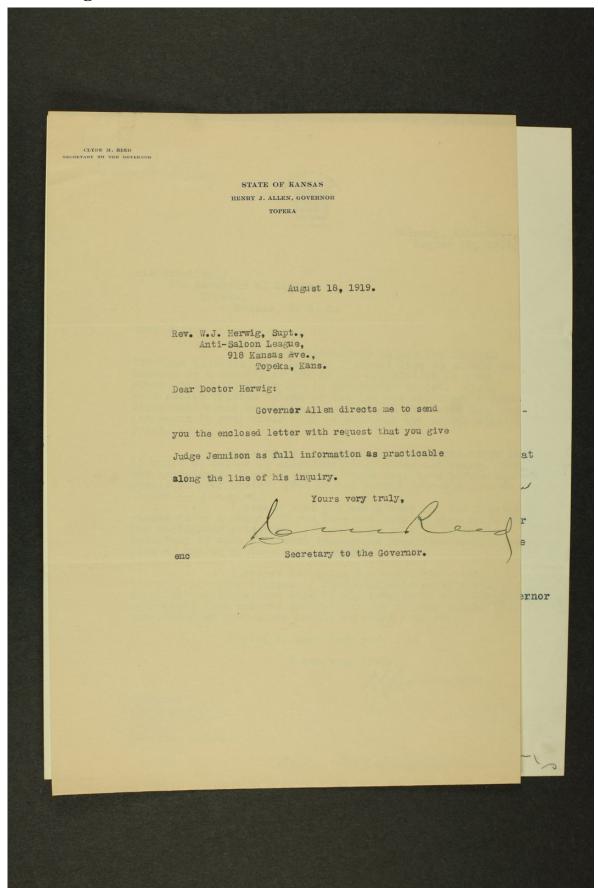
Yours cordially,



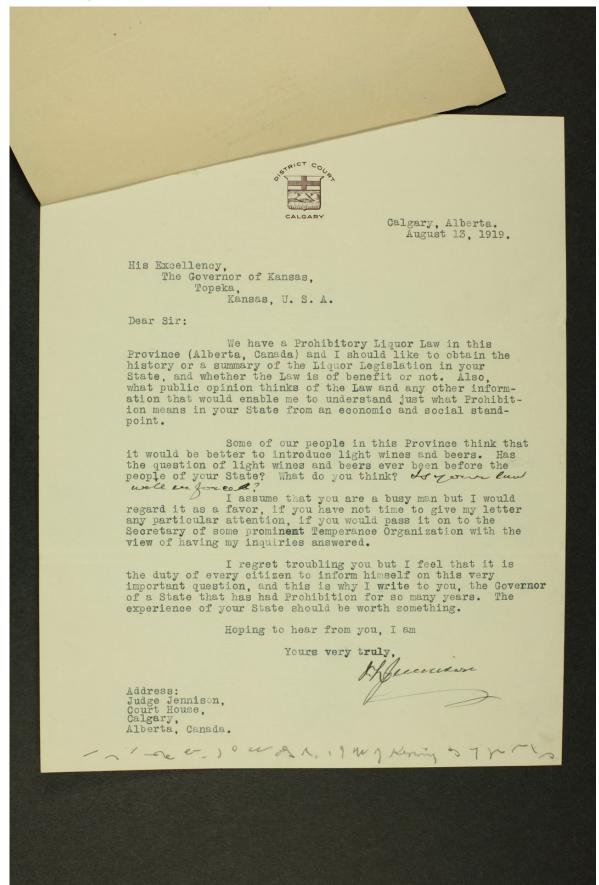














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COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
FOSTER COPELAND, TREASURER
WESTERVILLE, OHIO

August 22, 1919.

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

Dear Mr. Herwig:

Mr. Barker thinks that he will be ready to begin work in Kansas before the first of October and he is anxious to get started and get the organization in shape as quickly as possible.

He wants to know whether you will be able to round up any solicitors so that he could begin training as soon as he arrives in the state. My own idea is that he will not be able to reach Kansas before the second or third week of September. If you can get hold of any likely prospects, I think we can safely trust Mr. Barker to train them and make efficient solicitors out of them even though they have not had any experience. Mr. Barker seems to be a wonderful chap in that respect. His men in Georgia are running from 200 to \$500 a day in personal solicitation from house to house. His new men have been averaging after the first week over \$1000 and by the third or fourth week run close to \$1500. You will see therefore that it will be worth while to get this thing started in Kansas as soon as possible.

Yours cordially,

BPD/HL

Assistant Secretary, Committee on Financial Management.

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WESTERVILLE, OHIO

LECTURE BUREAU
REV. MILO G. KELSER, FIELD MANAGER

August 22d, 1919.

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

Dear Herwig:

You will be wanting us to print advertising material for you again one of these days. I have just been informed that your supply of stock window cards is exhausted and before we print more I want to get your ideas in regard to them. I am inclosing copy of the new display card we are using for Hobson and for Bryan; also, the card we are using for Dr. Banks and yourself. We find that the idea of World-Round Prohibition does not attract any except people of the church who have the missionary spirit and, while this number is rapidly growing of late, the total number is as yet comparatively small. Where a man has a name which is known nation-wide like that of Hobson or Bryan, the name is sufficient to draw the crowd. However, in the case of men who do not have a National reputation, the only way to get the crowd is to use the flag contest. This is the way the matter strikes me -- you are a pretty good hand at advertising. I would be grateful if you would fix up this card according to your own fancy and send me copy so we can print up a supply. I think your subject could be improved by shortening up and leaving out the reference to Prohibition. Hobson's subject, for instance, is "America and the Destiny of the World." There is no reference in it to Prohibition and yet there is much in it that would interest people and attract them even though the subject were announced for Swadeneer or some man not so well known. The less attractive the man's name the more important he have a subject that has drawing power. Please put some thought on this and help me out the best you came.

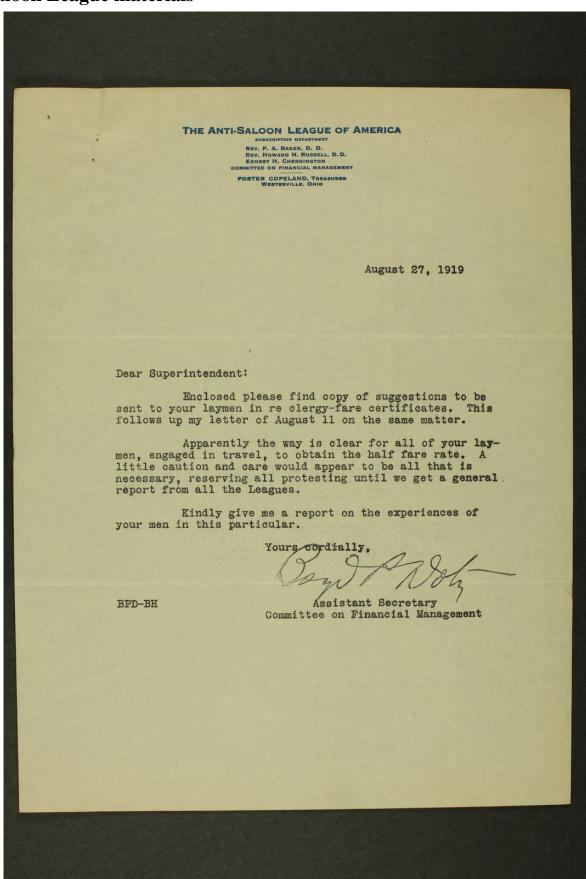
With best wishes, I am,

Fai thfully yours,

Field Manager.

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SUGGESTIONS IN SECURING CLERGY-FARE CERTIFICATES FOR LAYMEN.

The following paragraph is taken from the rules covering the issuing of clergy-fare certificates, and reads:

"M. Ordained ministers of religion connected with Brotherhood of St Andrew, Baptist Young Peoples' Union, Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, Knights of Columbus, W C T U, Y M C A or Y M H A, also those engaged in Christian temperance work or acting as Chaplains in the United States Army or Navy".

On August 11, I made my application under the foregoing paragraph and received my certificate August 15. My application negatively showed that I was a layman. I also accompanied my formal application with a personal letter to the manager of the Clergy Bureau, stating in express terms that I was a layman. It would appear therefore that any layman engaged in League work whose duties require him to travel would, upon proper application and showing of facts, receive a like certificate.

An application made by a layman in League work should set forth:

(a) That the applicant is identified with the

Anti-Saloon League of ___;
(b) That the Anti-Saloon League of "Christian Temperance" organization dependent upon voluntary contributions for support;
(c) That the applicant is a League worker compen-

sated exclusively by his salary for his services in the work;
(d) That the duties of the worker making the

application require railroad travel;

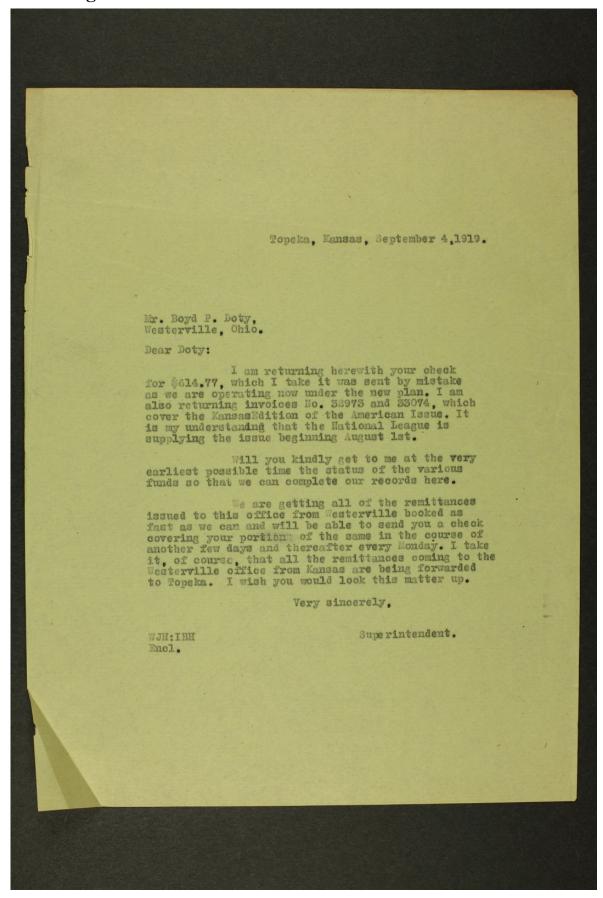
(e) Apply to the nearest United States Railroad Administration office for the proper application blank, and fill out and mail same according to instructions printed thereon. It is important that, as a layman, you make application according to these instructions as soon as possible, and let me know the results of this application.

(f) BUT IN NO CASE MAKE ANY REFERENCE WHATEVER TO THE FACT THAT CLERGY FARE CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO OTHER LAYMEN IN LEAGUE WORK AND, EVEN THO YOUR APPLICATION IS REFUSED, MAKE NO PROTEST BUT LET ME KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE CERTIFICATE. IF YOU FAIL WE CAN MAKE A CONCERTED ATTEMPT LATER. A LITTLE CAUTION AND A LITTLE PATIENCE WILL HELF OUT TO THE GENERAL GOOD. PERHAPS TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE CANNOT BE ATTACHED TO THE CAREFUL PRESENATION OF THE CLAIM.

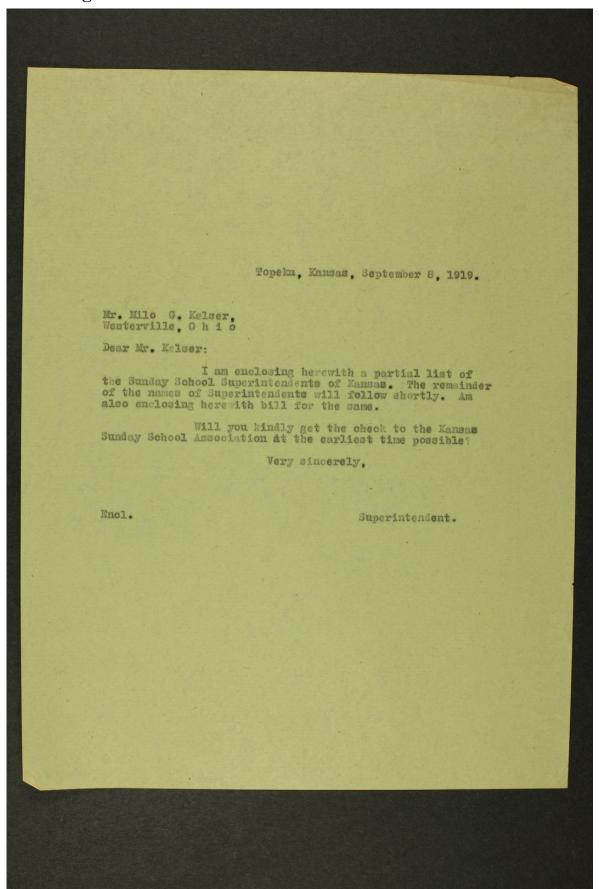
> (Signed) Boyd P. Doty Assistant Secretary Committee on Financial Management

August 1919.

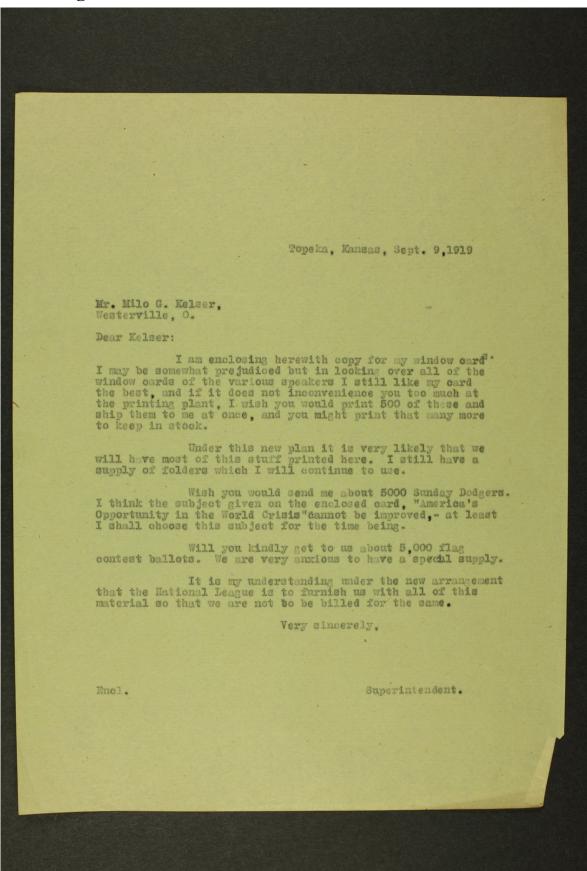




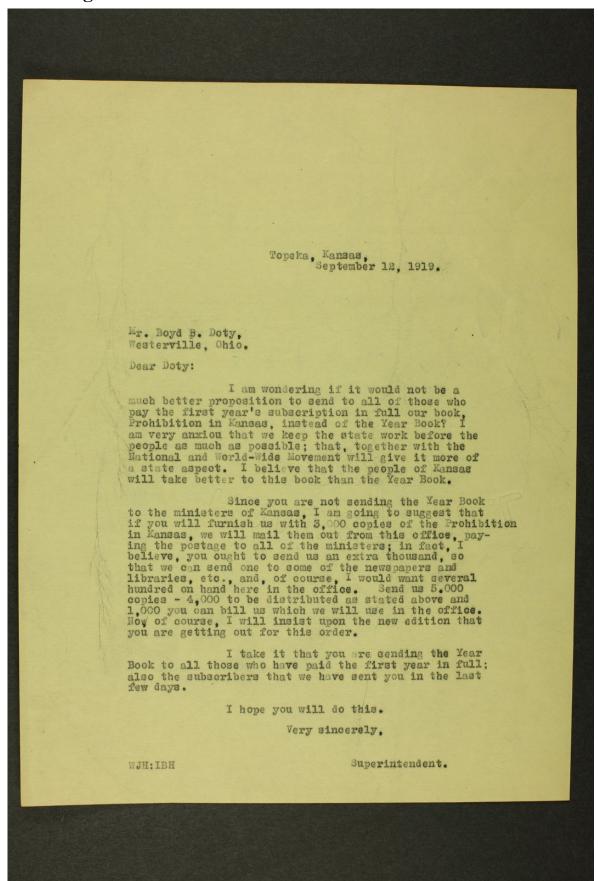




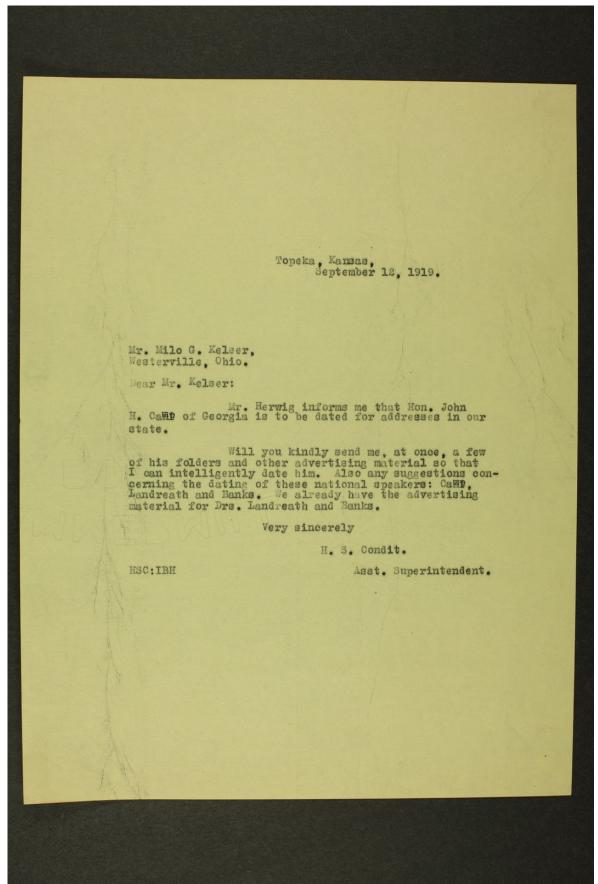


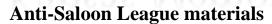














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THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
WESTERVILLE, OHIO
LECTURE BUREAU
REV. MILO G. KELBER, FIELD MANAGER

September Thirteen
Nineteen ----Nineteen

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

Dear Brother Herwig:

Your letter of September 7th at hand. Instead of printing 1000 window cards, and retaining 500 in stock here, we are sending them all to you at once. Our stock shelves are loaded down and if we are printing the thousand, you may as well have them as to keep a part of them here. When you need any more, please let us know.

We are also sending the 5000 Flag Contest Ballots which you request.

You state that it is your understanding, under the new arrangement, the National League is to furnish all advertising material at its own expense. You also, state that under this new plan -- "It is likely you will have most of this stuff printed in Kansas." I cannot see the consistency of these statements. Surely, if the National League is to furnish material, they will want to print it here and not pay bills for printing it out there. However, this matter can be determined after the plan is finally adopted at the Chicago Conference next week.

Hoping to see you, I am

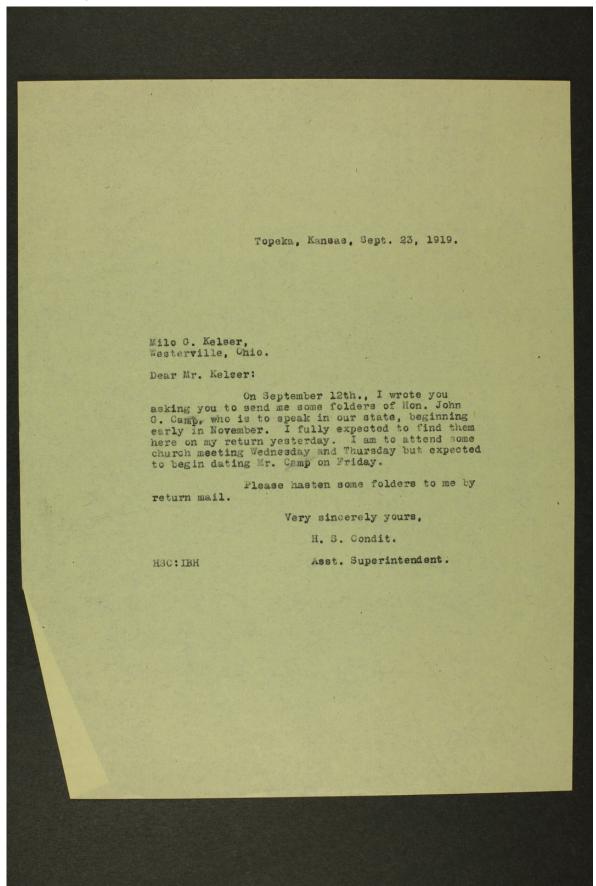
Faithfully yours,

milo G. Kelser.

Field Manager.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA WESTERVILLE, OHIO

LECTURE BUREAU

REV. MILO G. KELSER, FIELD MANAGER

September 29th, 1919.

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

Dear Brother Herwig:

You know the policy we are attempting to follow now is to have an advance man ahead of each speaker by about one week to look after publicity. Lloyd B. Mignerey is out in Washington State ahead of Landrith. Clarke H. Weaver is heading Dr. Banks. When the campaign is over in Washington they will go on into Oregon doing advance work for them there.

Now, I presume you will approve of these advance men continuing ahead of Landrith and Banks in Kansas. It surely is a paying proposition. It will be somewhat difficult to follow out this policy and use advance men unless these men continue regularly ahead of the speakers. For instance, should a Superintendent of a certain state inform us that he did not want these advance men to precede the speakers coming to him, what would we do with them in the meantime until the speakers would get to a state where the Superintendent wanted the advance men? This is simply a supposition, of course. I feel quite confident that you will want them, because I know you have been a "stickler" for the advance man all along, and have insisted that the League ought to get men worth while, and pay them good salaries.

As a matter of fact, Mignerey is an exceptionally strong man. Dr. Landrith is a hard man to please, but is more than pleased with Mignerey. Mignerey is a graduate of Otterbein, and has taken postgraduate work besides.

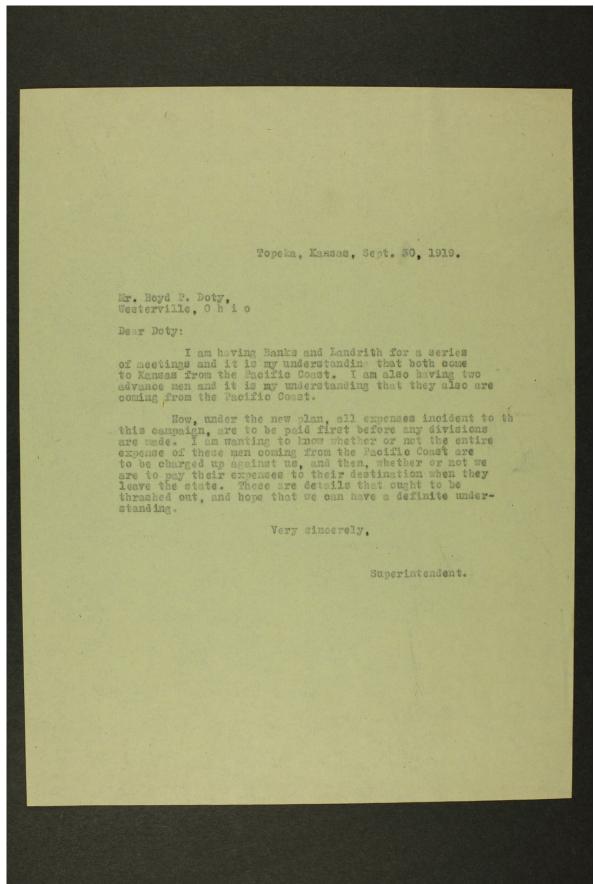
Weaver is young, but Banks has made no objection so far, and the reports from Banks' meetings thus far would indicate he is having good audiences.

Please let me hear from you at once.

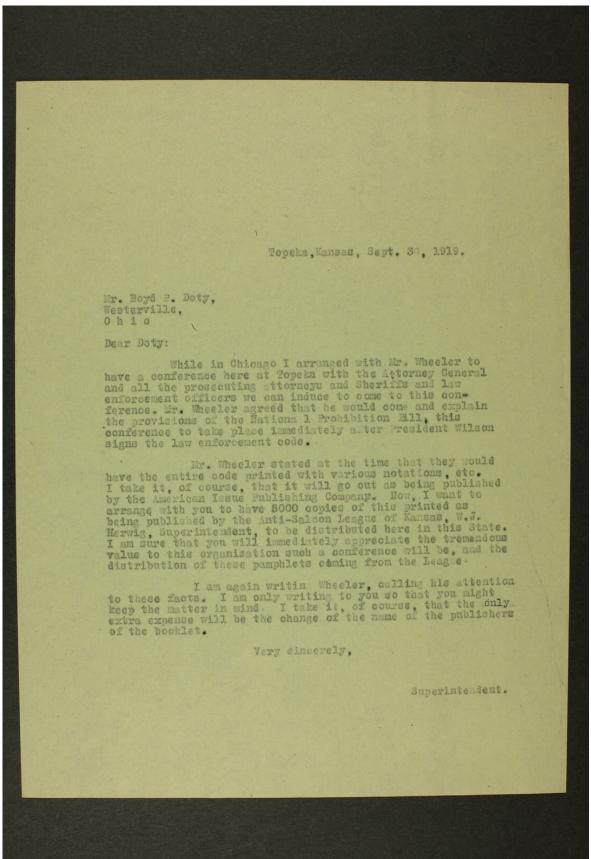
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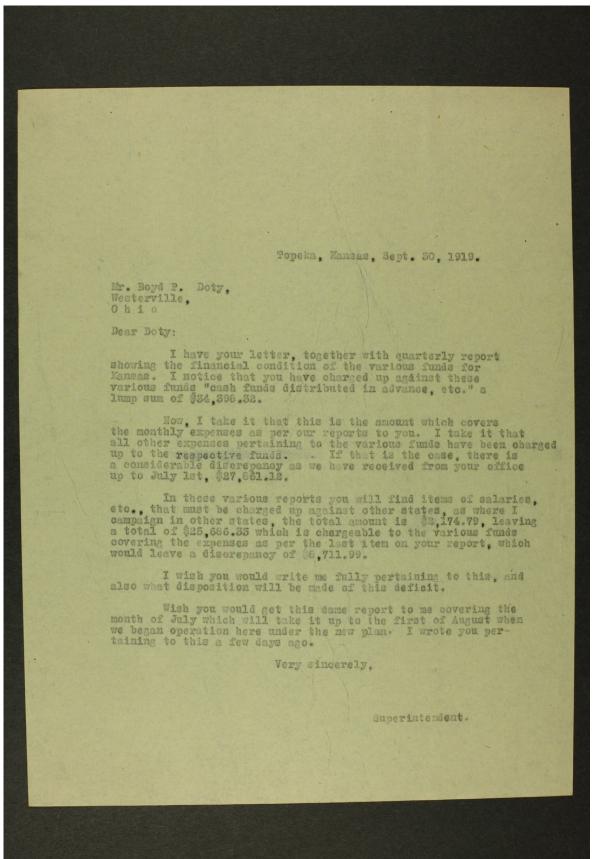




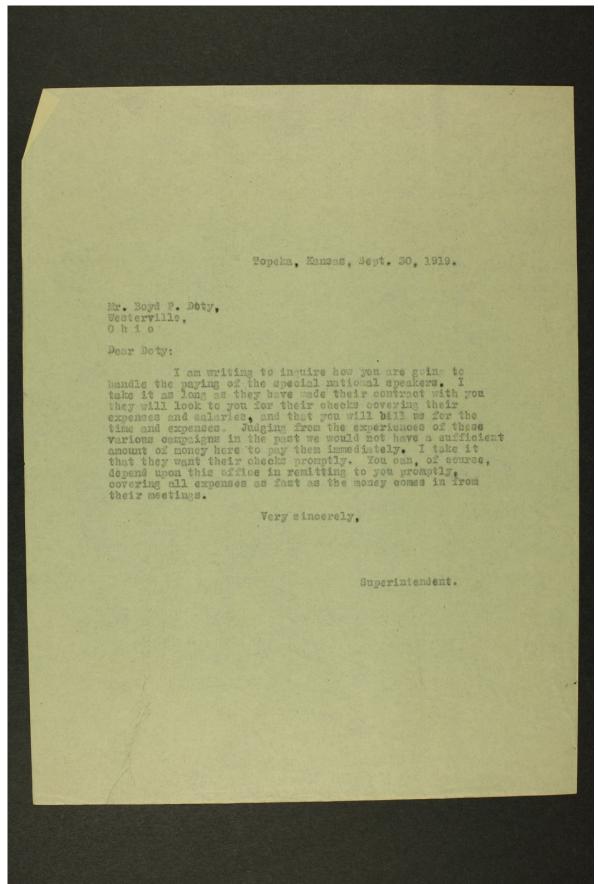




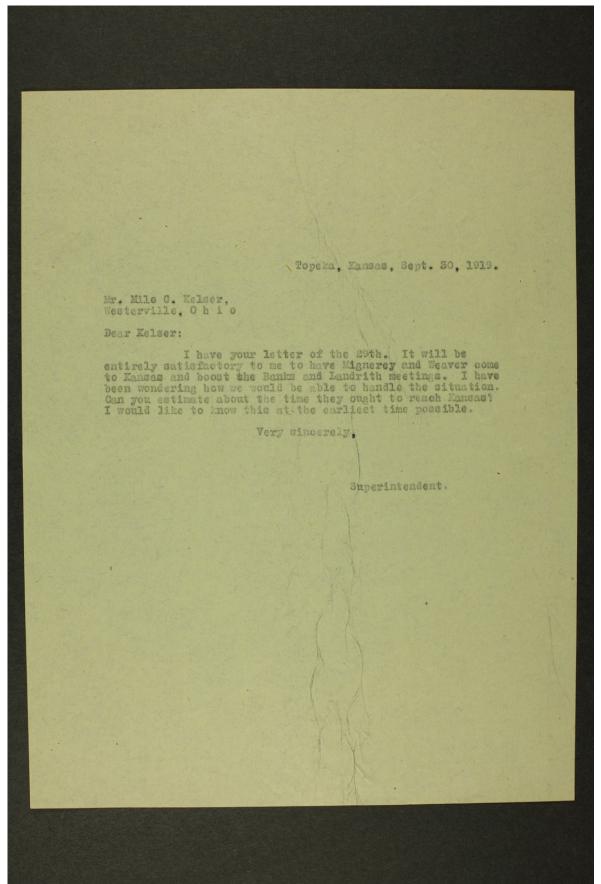
















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REV. P. A. BAKER, D. D. REV. HOWARD H. RUSSELL, D. D. ERNEST H. CHERRINGTON COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOSTER COPELAND, TREASURER

October 2, 1919

Rev W J Herwig Topeka, Kansas

My dear Herwig:

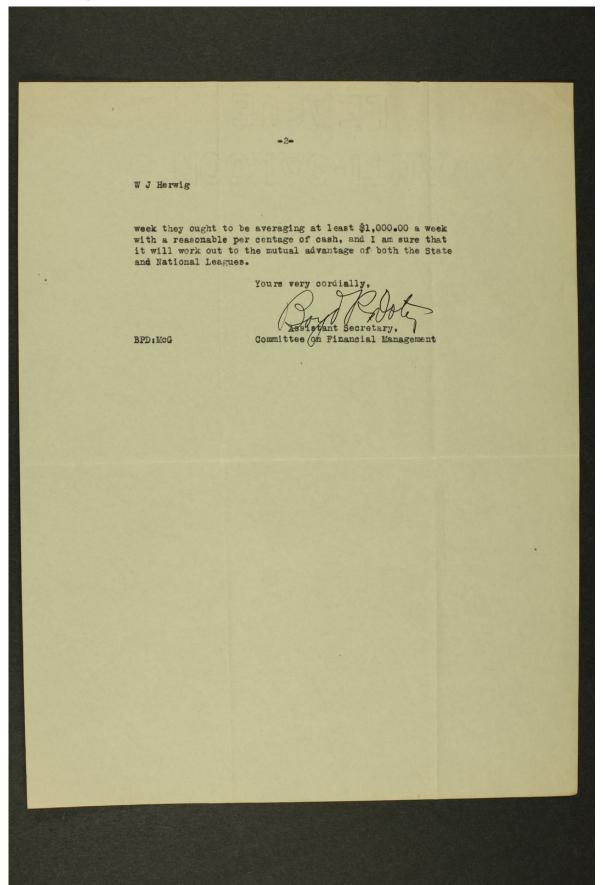
Mr Barker has been here for three days and we have been going over the entire solicitation program and the development of the system of handling the whole work for each of the states under the new nationalization plan-

My recollection is that when we parted at Chicago it was that best to send Barker into Massachusetts to organize the work up there before taking up the work in Kansas. However, we have been advertising in various religious papers of general circulation in the central west and we have a number of very able prospects who have every indication of being first class men for solicitation work and they are large in states either adjoining or very close to Kansas, and after going over the matter for two days and threshing it from A to Z and back again, there does not seem to be any other opinion that the only ecomomical and wise course to pursue is to have Barker take these men to Kansas at once, and start them there and give them their training and map out their work for them in conjunction with your office.

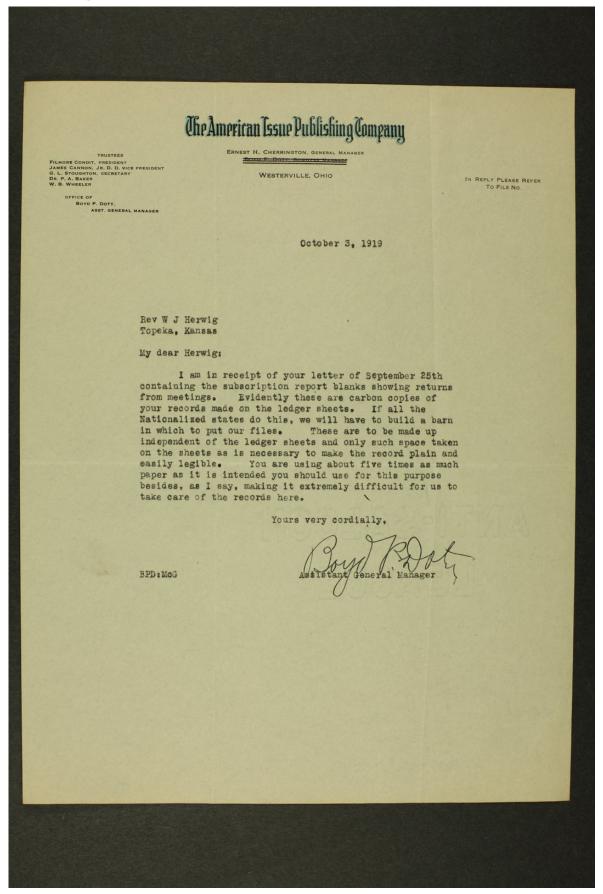
Now, it is not important that you should be in the state during the period of this canvass bacause Barker will be there to direct the activities of these men and I am fully convinced that Barker knows his job, and of course, what you want in Kansas is to get somebody who can raise the From one of your recent letters I understand money. that you are to leave for Canada on October 9th. Mr Barker will arrive in Topeka on the 6th and meet his men there, which will be in ample time to thresh out the general program before you go, and as this is in accord with the original arrangement and in accord with the advertising for solicitors which we had already do, I have no doubt it will meet with your approval and loyal cooperation.

If these men meet with anything like the success the other solicitors have met with in Georgia, at the end of a

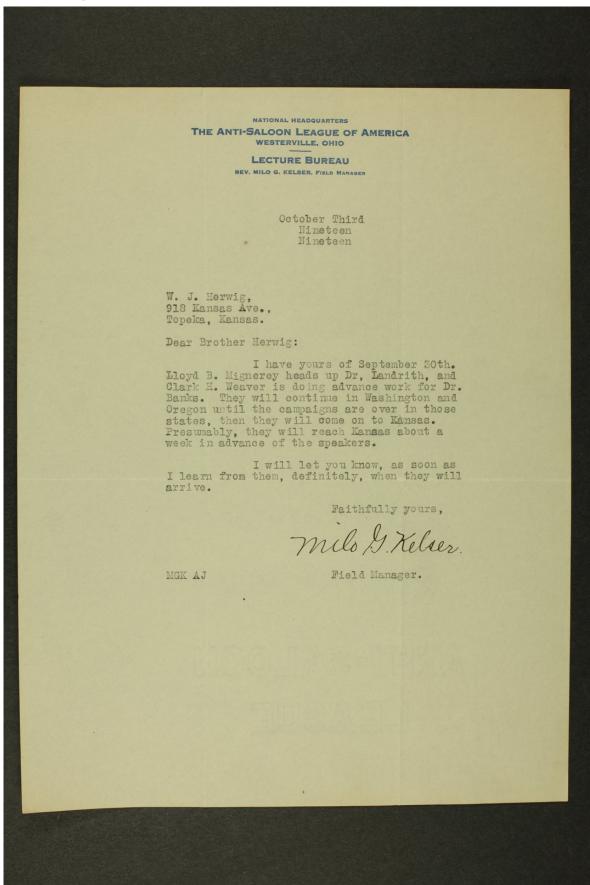




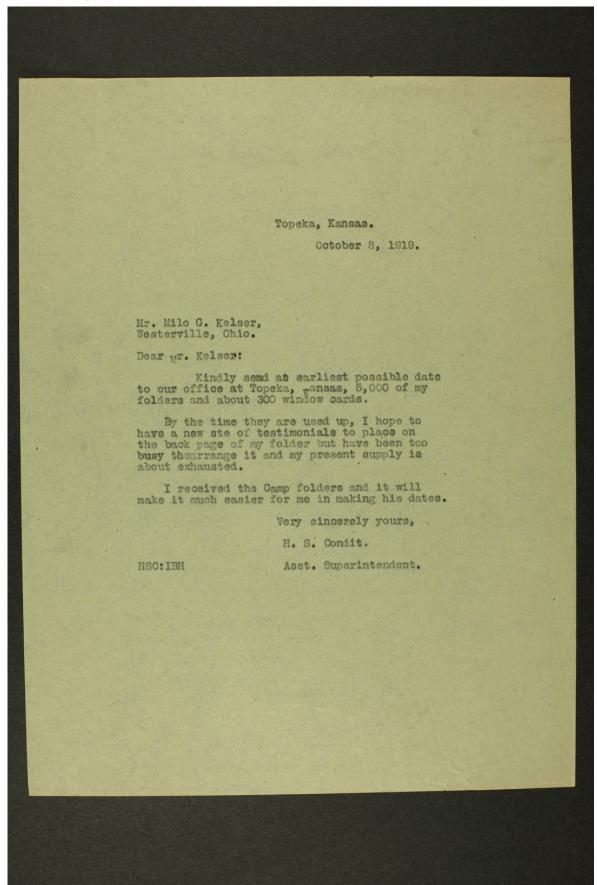




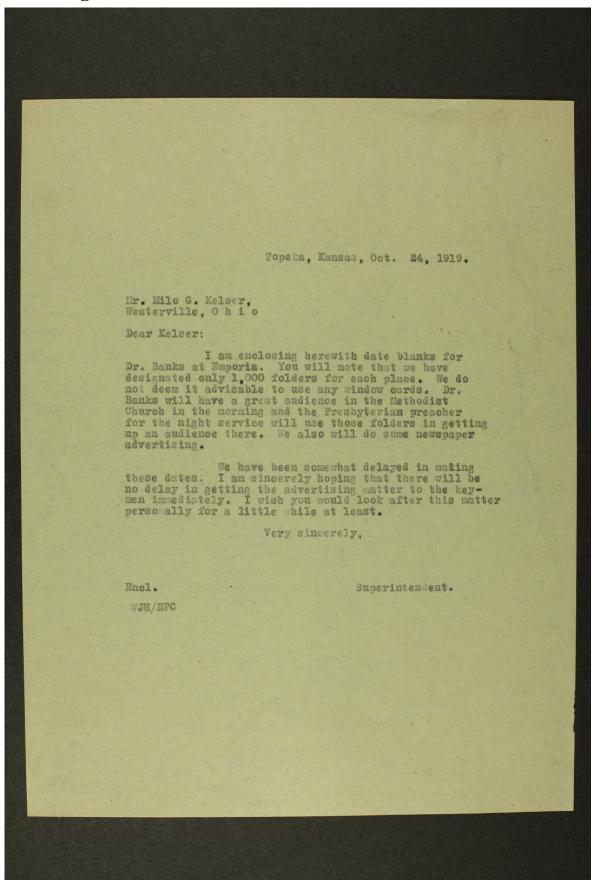














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LECTURE BUREAU

REV. MILO G. KELSER, FIELD MANAGER

Dear Brother:

From the estimaths made on the date-blanks as they come into of the various kinds of advertising material needed for a given place, it is clear to me that some of the date-makers DO NOT UNDERSTAND the character of the different forms of advertising and the special purpose of each. By separate cover I am sending you as well as every other date-maker (and this letter goes to all of them) a sample of each form of advertising.

Now, let me indicate to you the way I view the matter of making up an estimate of what advertising material would be needed for an appointment.

There should be enough window eards of display cards to put two in each church vestabule, Most churches have a double entrance, and a window card should be conspicuously displayed at each entrance. If there is a bulletin board, one or two eards should be tacked on that, depending on its size and the general situation. The other window saids should be conspicuously displayed in show windows of business houses, and about the community wherever they can be placed to best dayantage.

Also one or two of the large posters for those speakchurch vestibule. The rest should be put up in each
church vestibule. The rest should beneut about the town in conspicuous places. Of course these large posters cannot be put
up in show windows, but they can be tacked up on the side of
a building or on billboards. Most towns have billboards. In
many instances there is no charge made for their use. They have
been put up by some organization to advertise a particular meeting, and then have never been taken down. It is simply a case
of helping yourself. Where a reasonable charge for billboards
is made, it would be mise to pay it. The wisdom of making this
expenditure however, must be left to the judgment of the datemaker. If he feels that more and betten publicity could be securad by some other method for the AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED in
renting the billboard space, of course he should not use the
billboard space. The idea of using these large posters was suggested first by Captain Hobson. They are the size of poster
which is used in front of picture shows. Two or more of these
big posters should be exhibited IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING where
the meeting is to be held. They draw attention of all passersby. Wherever a poster is put up; if possible a display card
should be placed along with it; because the poster is general,
and contains no data. The display card will supply this. No
more of these large posters should be ordered than the date
maker feels shald be put up in any community. The number which
can be put up varies with the communities.



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The four-page folders should be distributed in Sundayadongregations; in case of a WEEK NICHT MEERING, on Sunday immediately preceding. Then, on the day of the meeting, "Tonight@phahdbills should be distributed through the town, preferably EARLY in the morning, before men have gone to their employment for the day. If these "Tonight handbills are distributed after the men have gone to their daily employment, those who do not return until the evening will not have been planning to attend, or will have made other plans for the evening, whereas, if the handbill reaches them before they start out for the day, they will make up their mind to hurry back in the evening and attend the meeting. If it is a Sunday morning meeting, the folders should be distributed on the previous Sunday at morning and evening services. Of course, for a Sunday morning meeting there is no opportunity to put out the handbills unless the Sunday morning meeting should chance to be a union meeting, in which case "Sunday" handbills could be distributed in town on Saturday, putting them in automobiles, etc.; but if the Sunday morning meeting is im am in-dividual church, as a matter of course, it would not be taken kindly by other churches of the community if this particular churches morning service should be generally adventised on Saturday. Where asservice is to be held in an individual chirch on Sunday morning the advertising SHOULD BE HIMITED to that particular church smembership and constituency. If the service is a SUNDAY EVENING UNION MASS MEETING in which ALL the churches con-operate; folders should be distributed on the Sunday preceding, im all the farious church congregations. Them on the Sunday morning of the day on which the meeting is sto be held in the evening, "Sunday Night" handbills should be again distributed as a FINAL REWINDER in all of the congregations where the previous Sunday the folders were put out. Also the "Sunday Night" handbills should be put in automobiles on Saturday night, and distributed among the people on the streets who are im from the surrounding country in what isstermed, a "Saturday Night" town.

The invitations or announcements tickets should be distributed thru Men's and Women's Bible classes. This does not mean one ticket to each member of such class, but a half dozen, a dozen, or more should be placed in the hants of each member of each class, with the ACREMIENT that the individual will distribute them to other adult persons.

The date-maker can readily ESTIMATE THE NUMBER of display cards which will be needed by taking into consideration the number of churches which will co-operate and the size of these churches; also the opportunity afforded by the town for putting up display cards elsewhere. Im some towns, for instance, they have an ordinance which forbids the posting of display cards along the attreets. In other townstite business men have an agreement among themselvess that they will not allow cards posted in their windows. Other placess business men will gladly co-operate, and cards will be welcomed everywhere. These facts the date-maker cam ascertain from the local keyman, and in conversation with him it will be a simple matter to make an estimate which will be reliable. The same is true regarding the estimate on folders. He should consider the number of churches that will co-operate to the extent of distributing folders; them the probable attendance at Sunday morning and evening services in these various churches; also at the evening