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## Dwight H. and Luther H. Platt correspondence

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This is correspondence of Luther H. Platt and Dwight Henry Platt, missionary son and grandson of Jireh Platt, an abolitionist from Mendon, Illinois. Luther Platt's papers include letters from his wife Nettie, correspondence with religious groups, and correspondence with military officials in the South after the Civil War particularly regarding individuals still being held as slaves. The papers of Dwight Henry Platt include letters to his parents (Luther and Nettie) while he was at Washburn College in Topeka, Kansas, in the early 1880s; letters from friends; and correspondence from other individuals for business and professional purposes. Dwight served as pastor for the Congregational church in northwest Kansas, centered in Goodland.

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before that time?  
Brother is also  
expecting to attend the  
State Association, it meets  
at Great Bend, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>,  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. I am now  
thinking of going as  
far as Partridge with  
Popa and visit there  
while he attends the <sup>meeting</sup>. We  
may spend one Sunday  
in Partridge before  
the meeting. We do  
not think it will be in  
any hurry to get at  
work, father needs  
read, I think you  
better take a little  
spare spell before you  
commence your sum-  
mer work. I am  
counting the weeks

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When you will be home again. Henry was well when last we heard from him, which I think was Tuesday.  
Father expect-  
to go to Topeka next  
Monday to attend a  
Missionary Committee  
meeting. He was very  
sorry to hear of Mrs  
Hale's accident - he hopes  
she may soon enter  
~~recover~~ from it, - send  
me to her when you  
see her, you did not  
say how your friend  
Ward was getting along.  
We supposed he was  
better, I do not know  
of any news to write,  
so will close, with much  
love from affectionate brother  
Dwight H. Platt

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OSBORNE, KAN., March 13th, 1893.

DEAR ENDEAVOURERS:—

The Third Annual Convention of the 12th Kansas District, Y. P. S. C. E., in joint meeting with the new 11th, will meet in Osborne on April 26th, 27th and 28th.

Each Society in the District is entitled to three delegates, in whom the voting power is vested, but it is earnestly requested that as many more come as possible,

The first session meets at 4:30 p. m., April 26th, and the last session closes at 11 a. m., April 28th, giving every one the opportunity of arriving and leaving on the day train.

As Phillips and Rooks counties have been transferred from the 12th to the 11th District, it is specially requested that all societies west of these counties be represented, so as to prepare for the next annual Convention, and those in these counties should be represented so as to get into working connection with the 11th District.

Kindly let me know the names of your delegates; the names of others from your society who will be here; also to what church they belong, so that we may find suitable accommodations for them.

Sincerely,

*A. W. Farwell*

SECRETARY,

12th Kan. Dist.

Y.P.S.C.E.

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41 E. 69<sup>th</sup> St, New York,  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 1873.

My dear Dwight,

I thank you for  
the trouble you have taken to  
inform me on the results about  
which I wrote. I think now  
that if I go to the Fair at all I'll  
stop in Harvey, just outside  
the city.

Your commencement is early.  
We have not yet put for a month  
ago that. What do you expect to  
do this summer? I saw in the  
Laps the other morning that Mr. S.  
Chaff had been made Professor  
Emeritus by the University. He has  
not been able to lecture all this  
year, or at least they would not

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allow him. I expect he may be able to lecture once in a while. He has spent just fifty years in the classroom. What a good long time surely.

A Col<sup>d</sup> wave has struck again. I suspect come from the west. Why don't you proper keep your Caldwells to yourselves. In networking so very hard just now for the simple reason that in too well you know what. Mr. Buggs is teaching no Theology — I gnatistic now many people I suppose will hold up their hands in horror when they hear it. But Buggs is no fool. He isn't half so dog as some of these "straight backed" bellies" Preachers. He's a Christian through & through.

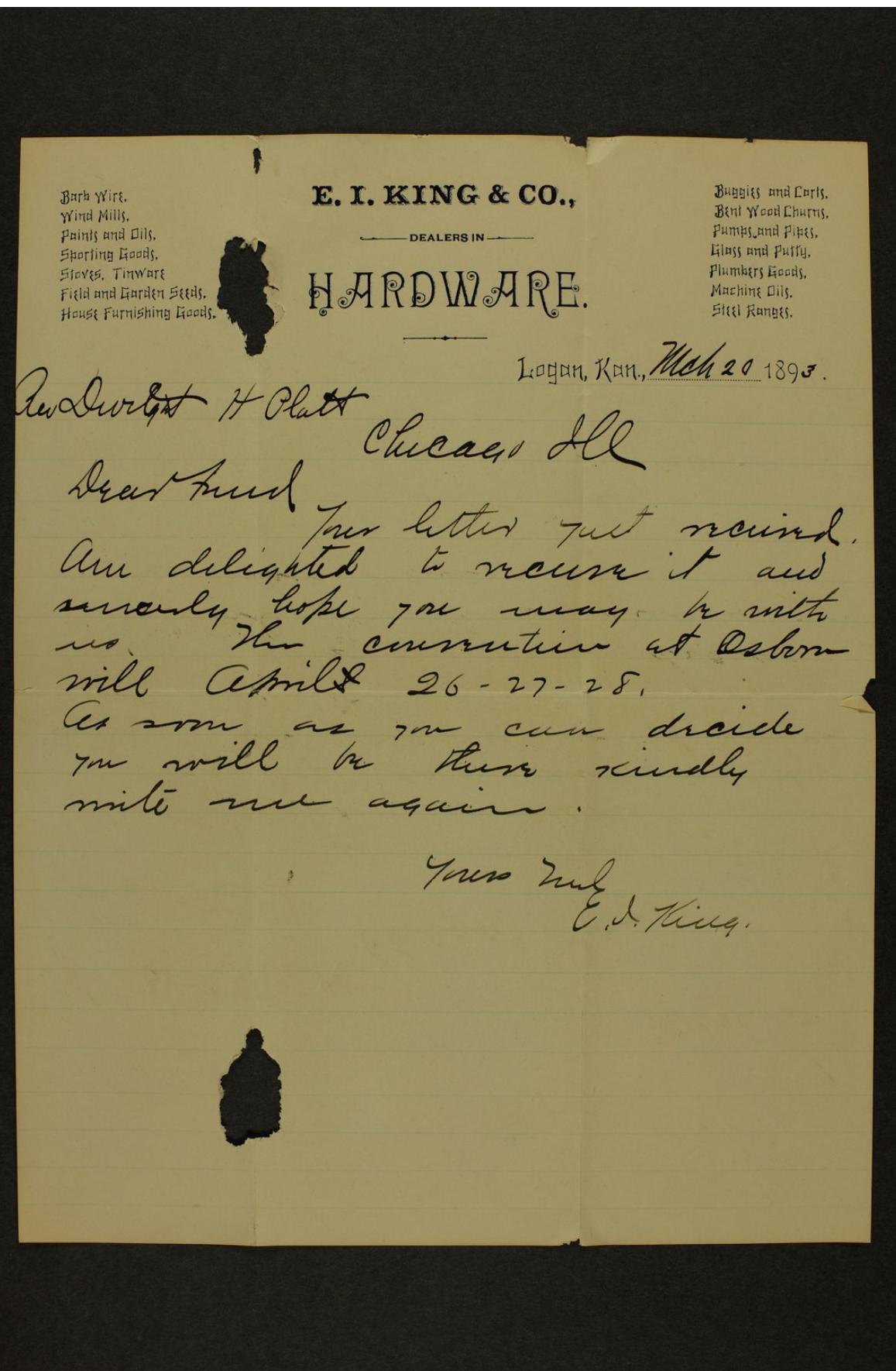
Faithfully yours, Paul Saylor.  
For Dwight & Platt Children

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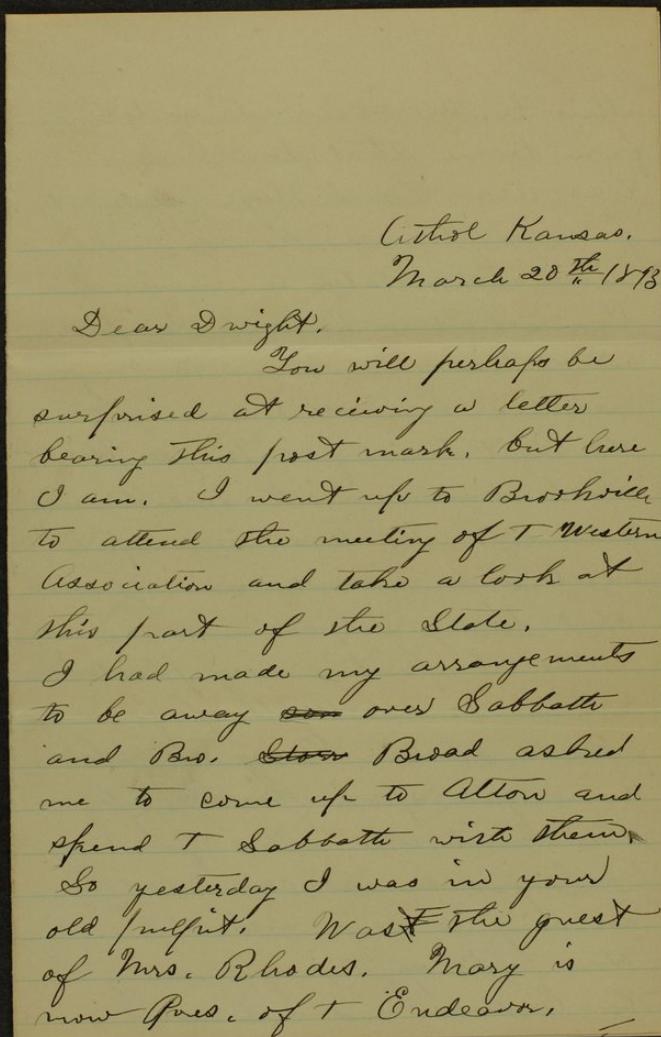


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This A.M. received a telegram from home that Mr. Crane was dead and they wanted a funeral tomorrow. I have organized Endeavor Socie Gamble as / Your old / gave me a of t hand p boy. The to folks every be full and of business. I cannot many person remembered & wrote, The Bradens from Cal. an but did not my being the get out to Mrs. Stockbridge in yesterday of Mr. Spearman

It was too late to make connections on the Mo. Pacific but I hired Mr. Green to bring me over here so I can get the night train for Maple Hill. Took dinner with Mrs. Green yesterday. He has given up the hotel and is now running one of the livery stables.

~~I~~ I spent a very pleasant Sabbath found hosts of your friends there. Every one who knew you spoke kindly of you. The church ~~the~~ is in as good working order as could be expected for being so long without preaching. Have kept up the prayer meeting the Endeavor and S.C. and

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l a telegram have organized a provincial Endeavor Society with Mrs. Gamble as President.  
They wanted to make me a very cordial stroke of the hand for the sake of my boy. The town is full of folks every house seems to be full and a good deal of business being done.  
Yours old friend Wilson  
I cannot tell you how many persons wished to be remembered to you when I wrote.  
The Braddens have returned from Cal. and are now there but did not probably hear of my being there in time to get out to church yesterday.  
Mr. Stockbridge and wife were in yesterday from T County.  
Mrs. Spearman and his family

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and Mr. Guthrie who has gone back to his farm, were all out, and a good congregation from town.

It is cause for gratitude and thanksgiving that dear Father above permitted you to do such a good work & allow while you were there. It was a permanent good.

Young Smith who boarded with Mr. Green while you were there drove me over here today, and wishes to be remembered to you.

I am writing this while waiting for t train which does not go down from here until 4-30 tonight.

I suppose you have heard from Mamma since I left home

With much love Your Father

[To D. H. Platt  
Chicago, Ill.]

L. H. Platt

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Emporia Kan.  
Moh. 22/93

Dear Dr. Platt

Replying to yours  
of Moh. 18<sup>th</sup> — I have  
been watching dev'l.  
opments carefully  
in fields located in  
different sections; being  
desirous of making  
the most successful  
experiment possible  
of the "band plan"; and  
with the fields that  
had the largest  
future possibilities.  
I am now awaiting

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W. Soc. Assoc': next  
write & go to  
N. W. Assoc': and  
on April 2<sup>o</sup> I  
expect to speak  
at Plenum - I. W.  
Kan. You may  
then expect a  
letter from me  
stating where  
some fields will  
be sown after  
April 2<sup>o</sup> Day  
of Apl 5<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly  
L. H. Platt

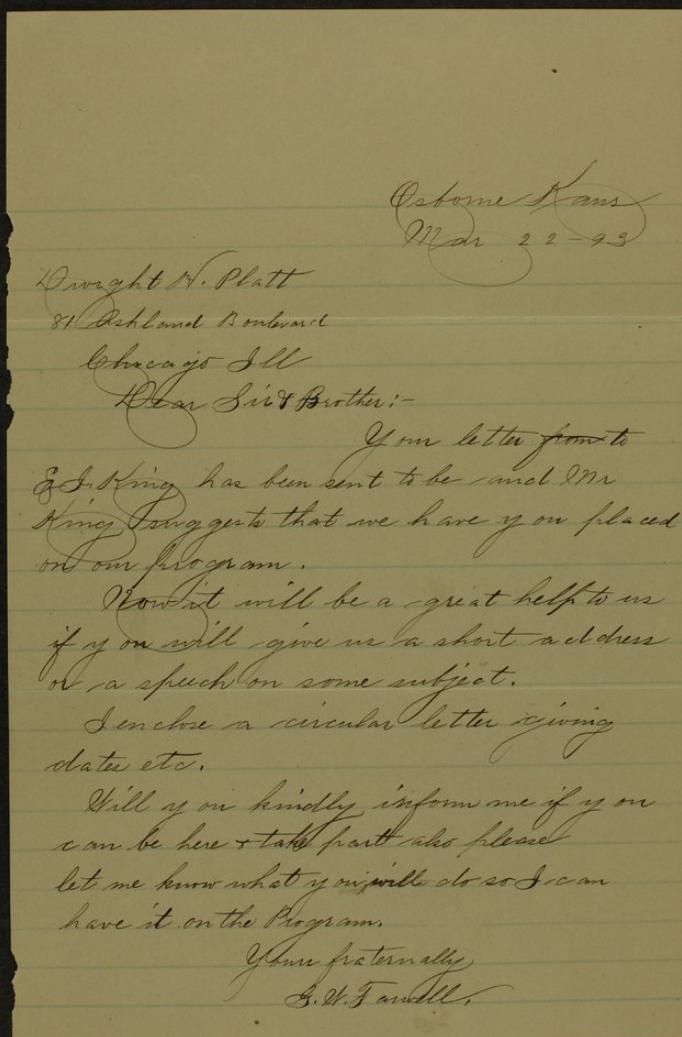
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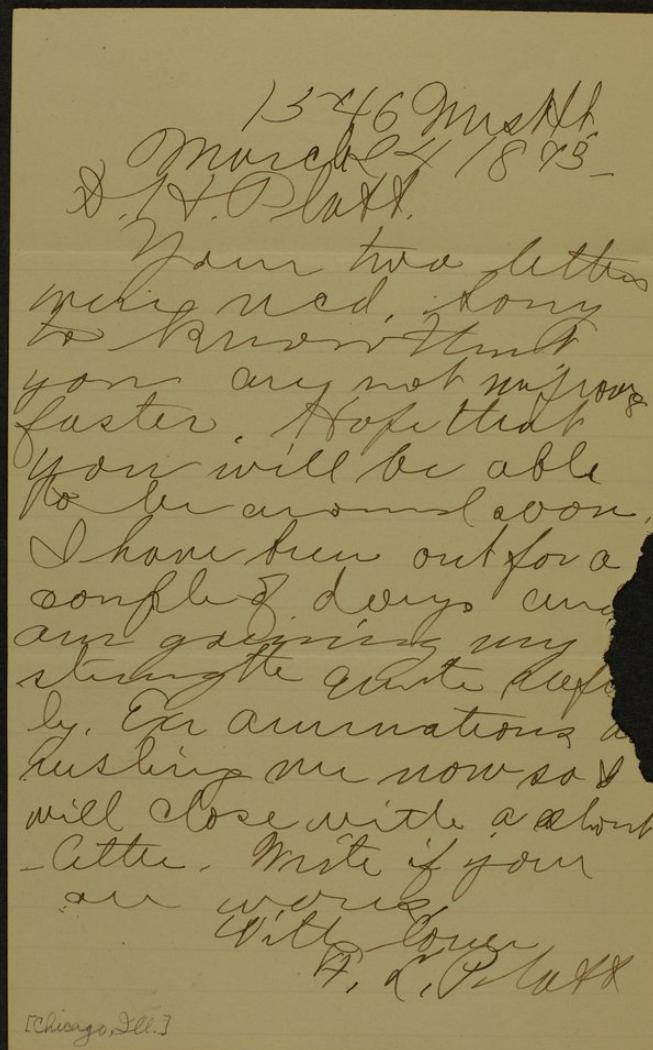


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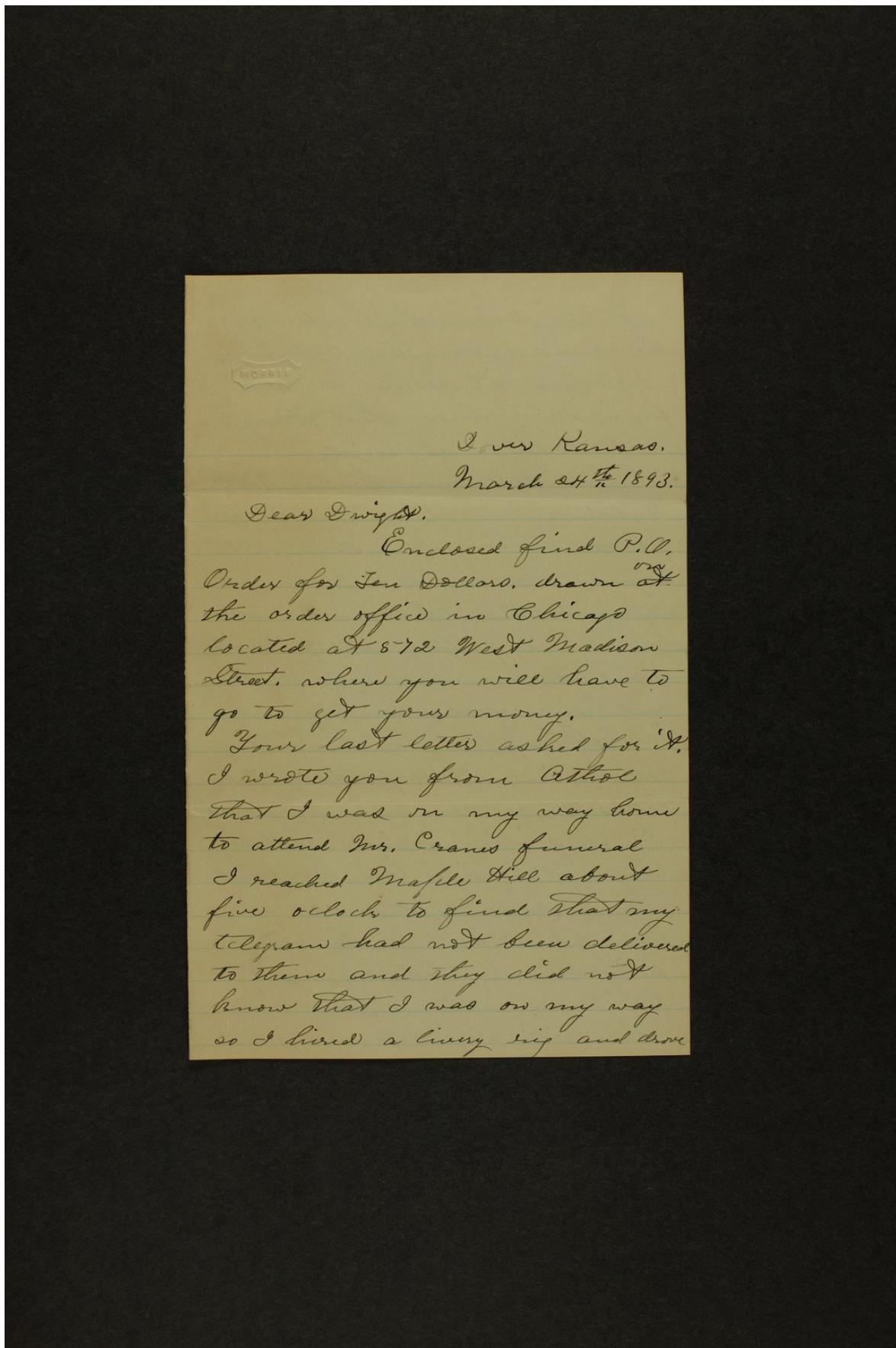


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out to Dover and attended the funeral in the afternoon. I found at home a card from McClehrson that Ferry was down with Grip. with the exception of sleep now. It is breathless & easily on Plains than Mission Co. Ferry showed from you were sick. He had just Your card while I was taking good and keep a how you are. If you can send for it. If circumstances that it seems I may yet hope express many of the

I had left my team at Wabaunsee and so I got on board a team and drove to Topeka to see how Ferry was. Found him better and as he seemed getting along so well went the same day to Wabaunsee and home yesterday to find Mrs. Crane very sick with Pneumonia. Will probably be better or worse within 24 hours. It is quite possible that she may not survive her husband many days. But still we hope for the best. I do not ~~fully~~ think she is as yet past hope but is very sick. I stood the trip out west

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I attended  
afternoon.  
a card  
at Ferry  
up.  
am at  
I got on  
I drove to  
Ferry was  
and as  
long as we  
to Wabaunee  
to find  
as with  
obably be  
in 24 hours,  
to that she  
husband  
ill we  
do not  
as yet  
very sick.  
out west

with the exposure, and loss  
of sleep remarkably well  
It is a fact that I  
breathes freer and more  
easily on these western  
Plains than I do down in  
Mission Creek hollow.  
Ferry showed me his note  
from you stating that you  
were sick with Cholera Morbus.  
He had just received it.  
Your card came to hand  
while I was gone.  
Take good care of yourself  
and keep us informed as to  
how you are getting along.  
If you need any more money  
send for it.  
If circumstances develope so  
that it seems best to do so  
I may yet respond to the  
hope expressed to me by a good  
many of the Alton folks that

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I should become their pastor.  
There is nothing formal  
done as yet, and I don't know  
as any thing will come of it,  
But a number there expressed  
a wish to have it so, and if  
the way opens so that I think  
that is where the Lord wants  
me to I shall not refuse.  
There is something rather  
fascinating about the push  
and drive and hurry of a  
live western town, even if  
there is some wickedness  
and devilry going on at the  
same time.  
With much love  
Yours Father  
L. H. Platt.  
[To Dwight H. Platt  
Chicago, Ill.]

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1733 Penn St Topeka Kans.  
April 21-1893

My dear brother:

I have not heard from you for a long time. Only once since you were in Topeka I think. I suppose however that you are very busy getting ready for the final finish.

Had a letter from Father yesterday he and Mother expect to ~~at~~ leave Atchison April 30. stop a day or two at Wabash, a day or two here, and then go on to Chicago. I should like it very ~~badly~~.

If I could attend your graduation but I can not do it. Miss Lowell asked me the other day if you were going to be able to attend the Alumni meeting I told her I did not know. Have you decided yet when you will begin work?

Gould has decided ~~also~~ to resign the management of the "Mid-Continent" for next year and he wants me to take it. I don't know but I shall do it. I rather expect to be on the road during the summer. shall probably be in the

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towns around and near Hutchinson.  
I believe I can wrestle that business  
this summer for \$150.

I have been very hard run this year.  
I am at present about \$50. in debt,  
and may have to contract more before  
the school year closes.

Do you know when Mr. Stead's  
new book "If Christ should come to Chicago"  
is to be published? or whether it is out yet?  
If you could get me a copy of it in  
Chicago when you come back here  
~~I~~ I'd like it ~~very~~ much.

Day before yesterday ~~way~~ was my  
birthday. I rec'd. by mail a very  
nice little gift - the pen with which  
I am writing this letter.

Part with the Kansas Academy  
& Language and Literature meet  
at Washburn. You will see an account  
of the meeting in the Mid-Continent which  
is coming out next week.

Well I must close. Write when  
convenient. With love

L. H. Platt.

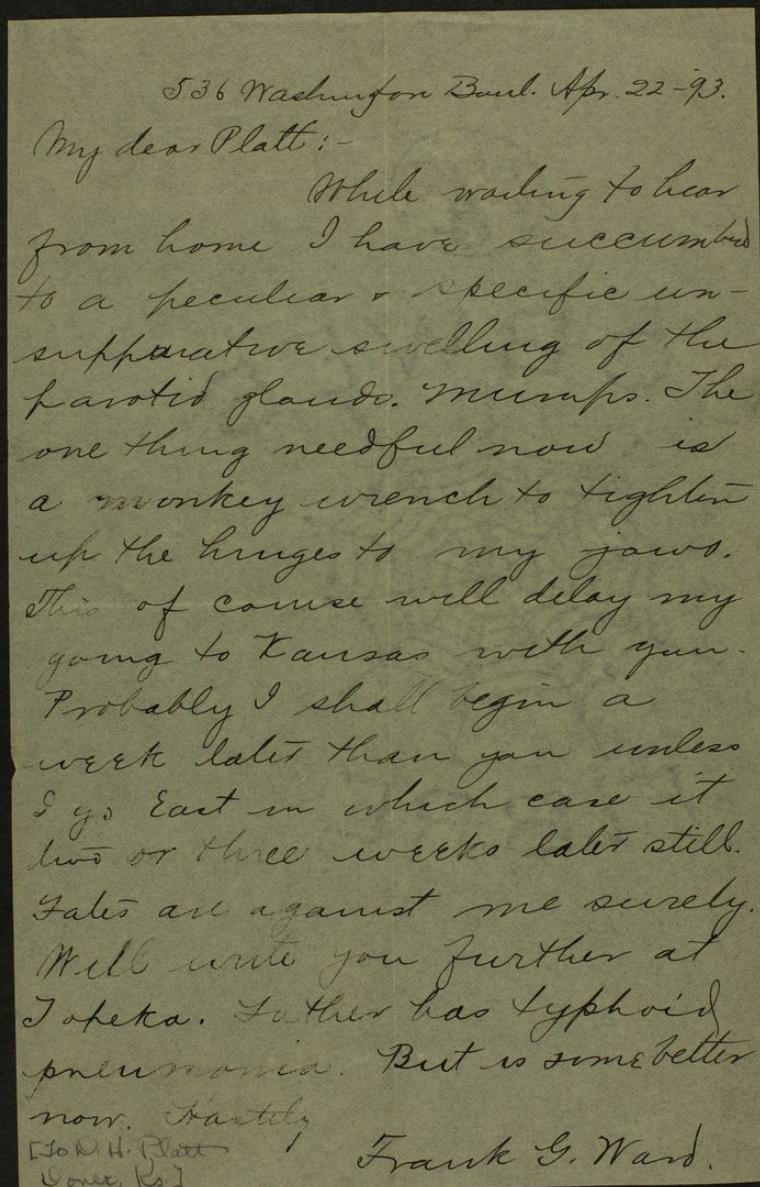
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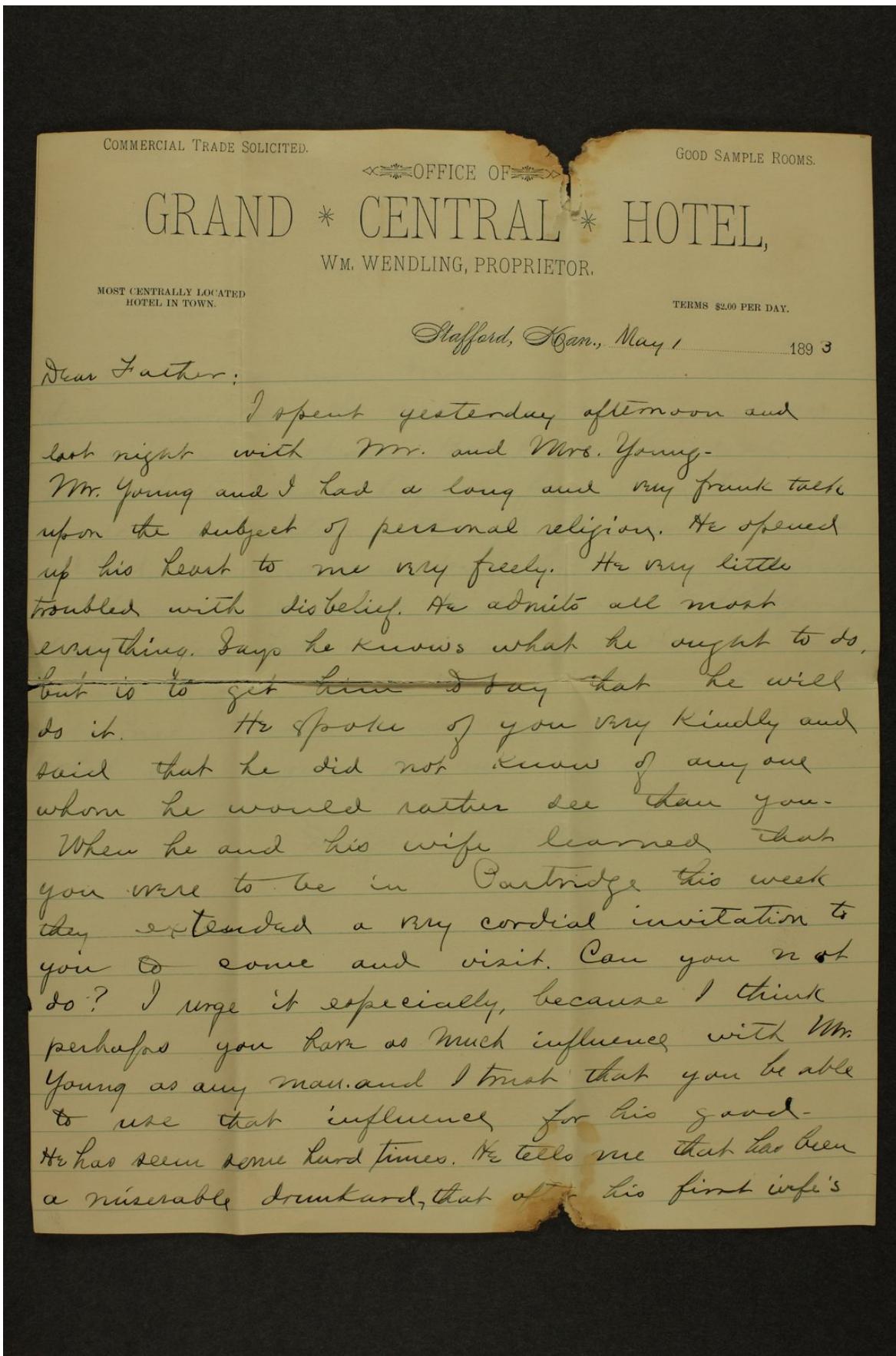


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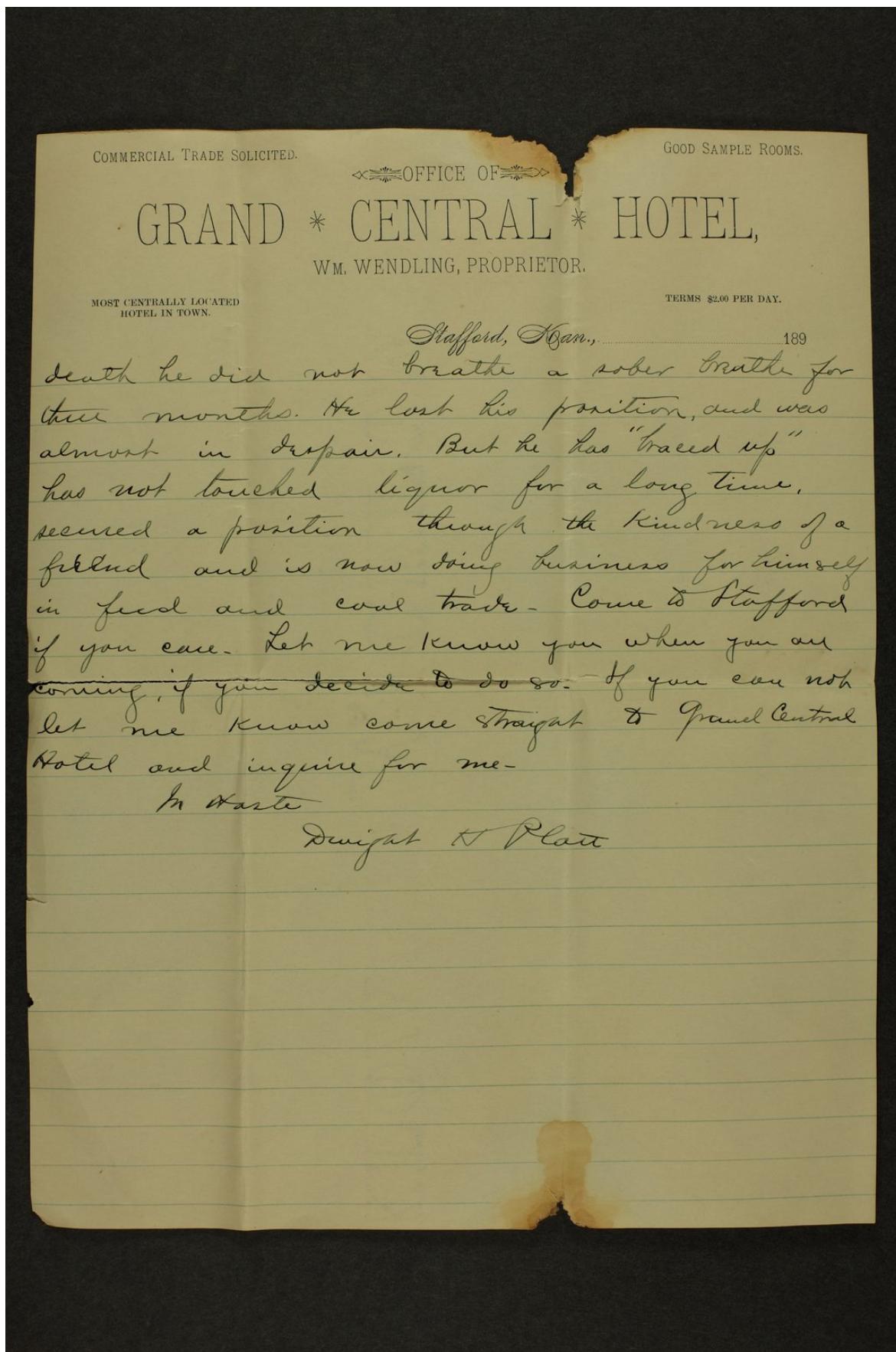


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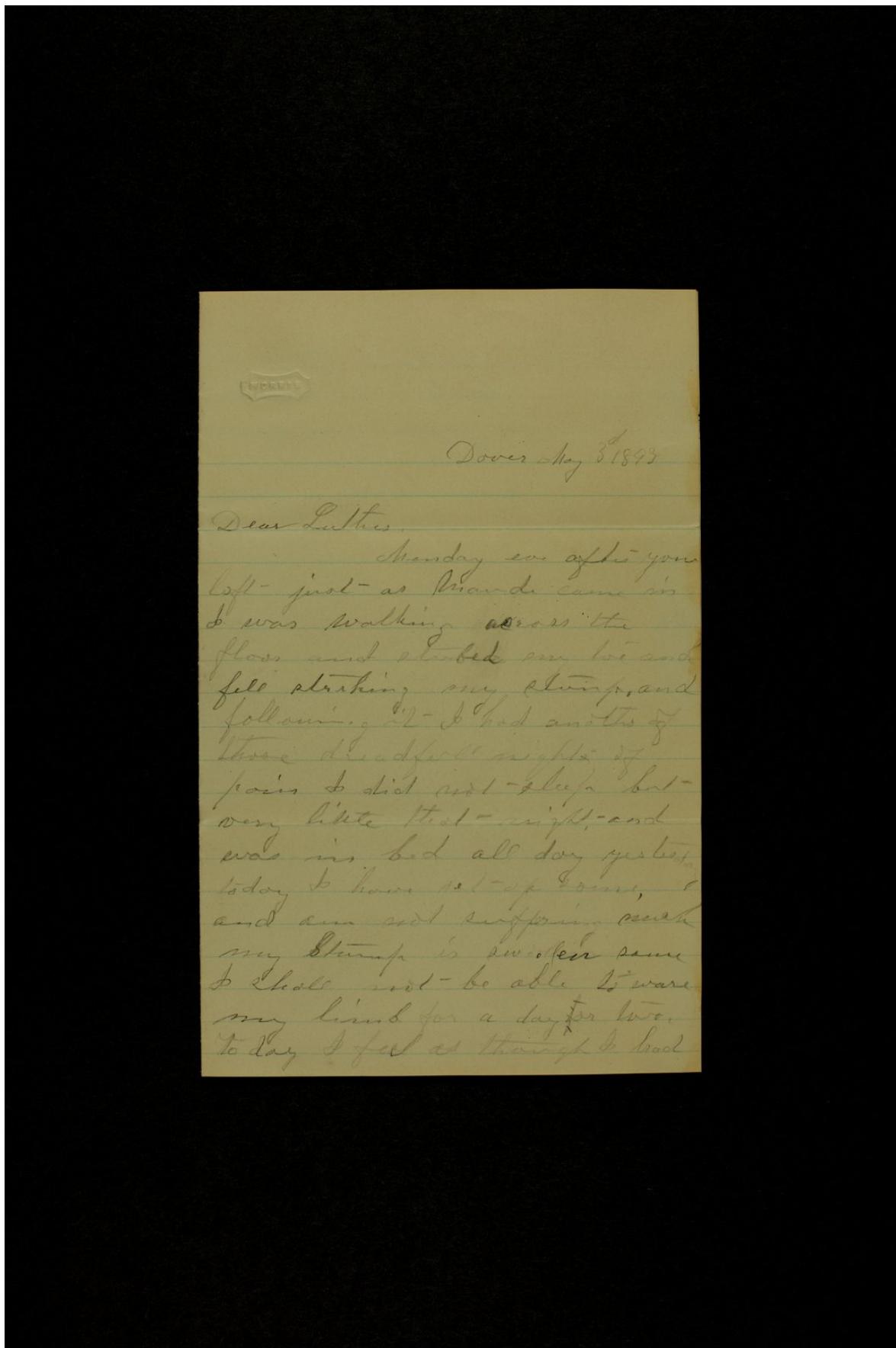


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had a fit of sickness there I hope that  
times are such a shock to - pleasant-  
my service, I am well cared for and are  
for the friends are all very the same  
kind. Your half fair pass from you  
came last night. I will send it to Washington as you  
directed. It will also will  
so that you may get it to [D.L.H. Platt]  
at Washington. Do not worry & Great Bend, Ks.]  
think I shall get along nicely.  
I see a line from Dwight-  
land Raying that he had  
arrived safely; Mrs Thomas,  
just called on her way from  
Missouri meeting and  
read me a letter from  
Bro Broad and also one  
for Mr. L. F. Smith he writes  
writes that he will be with  
Dover and Waukesha Churcts  
Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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ours there I hope that you had a  
a shock to - pleasant - visit at Partridge  
in over care and are well and enjoy  
are all here the meeting. I hope to hear  
half fair pass from you to night,  
I will With much love  
tell as you. Your affectionate wife  
also wife  
D. H. Platt.

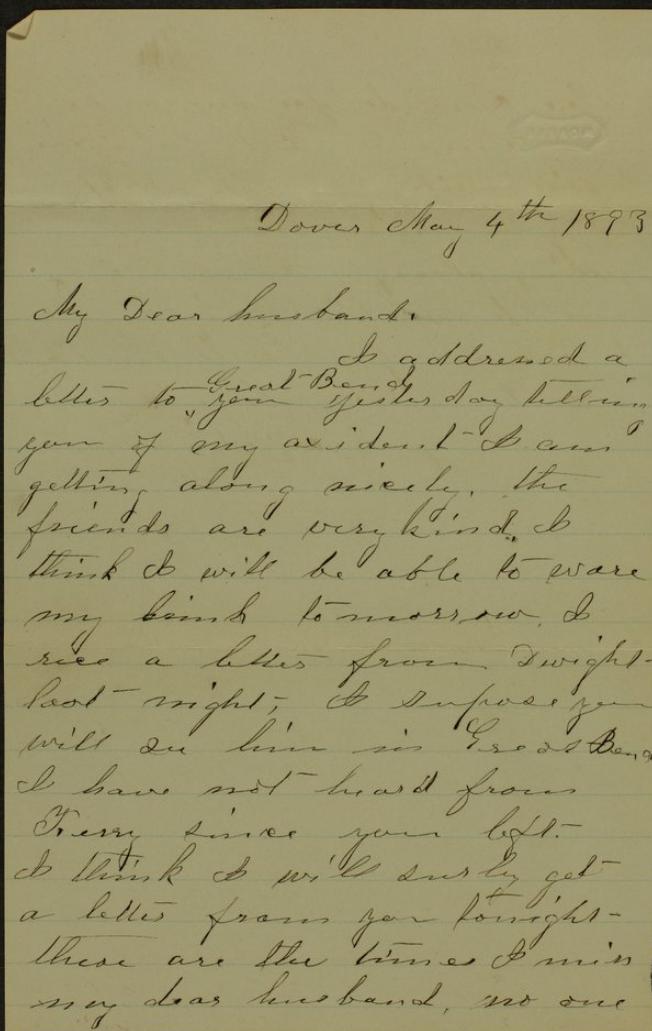
[D. H. Platt  
and - every & Great Bend, Ks.]  
- along stick.  
was Dwight -  
he had  
Mrs. Thompson  
her way from  
time and  
this year.  
I also one  
wife he said  
will be with  
us in church  
1st

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else can do for me as he  
can. Do not feel anxious  
I will write you often and  
let you know how I am  
getting along. Remember  
me to Brother Dwight's folks  
and enclose yours. Half Fare ticket  
to the much love,  
Yours affectionately  
wife Nellie

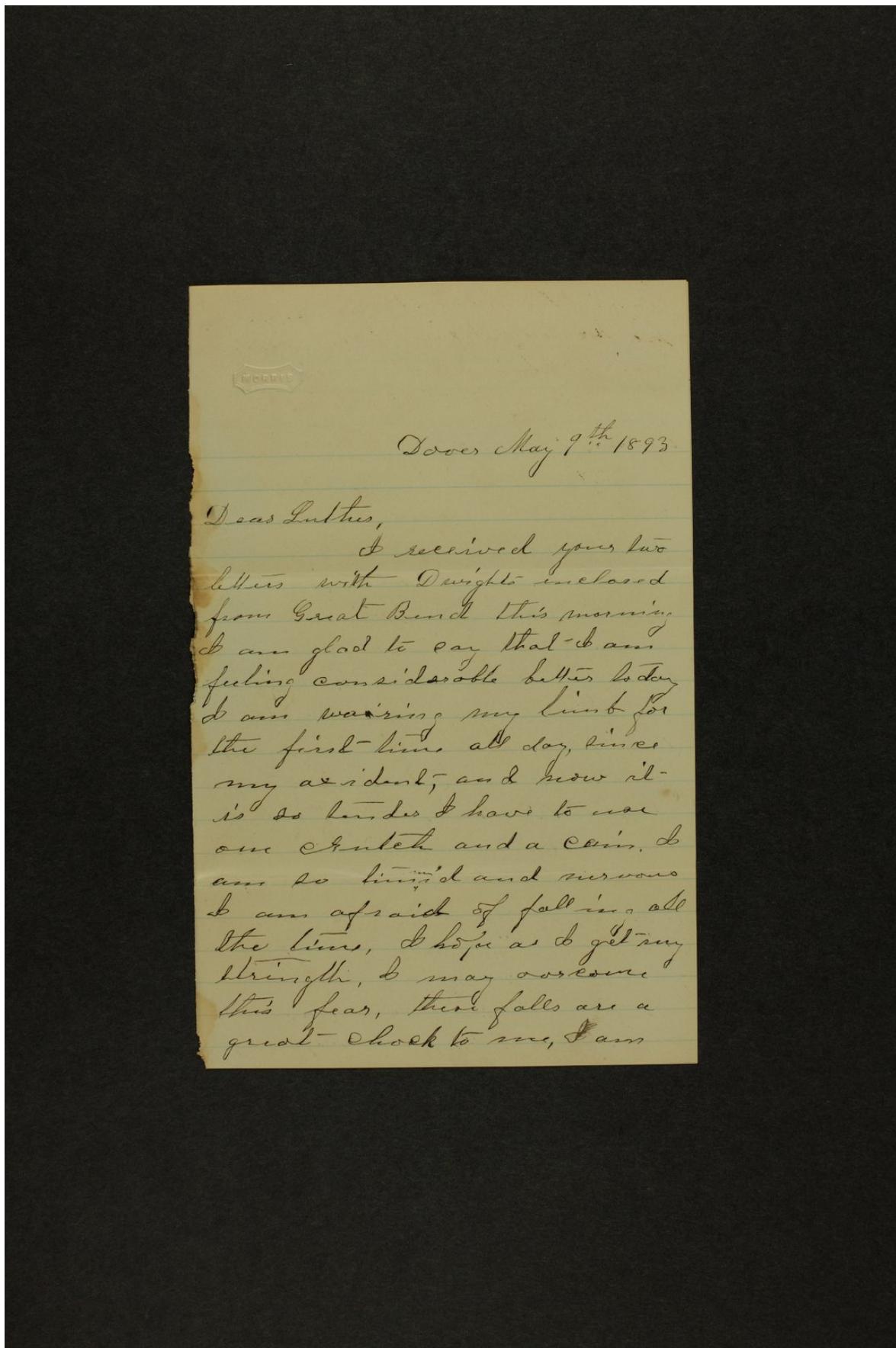
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