M. E. Shiel to Governor John St. John

A letter from M. E. Shiel of Seymour, Indiana, to Kansas Governor St. John, expressing interest in holding the next National Temperance Union in Bismarck Grove, Kansas.

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Seymour, Ind., May 3 1880.

Gov John P. St John
My Dear Bro.

Your favor 27 ult received in my absence. I must say that I highly favor the idea of having the next Convention of the National C. T. U. at Bismarck Grove, I believe the people all over the United States should encourage Kansas all they can as you surely deserve it. I have written to J. L. Palmer Pres of Arkansas S. C. T. U. and to Gen Shackelford Vice president for Indiana about it, I am going to Louisville this morning and will give it a start over in Ky and think we can get up a boom for it without much trouble and on our own accords, I think that under the circumstance that your State should have the Convention and so does Dr Gerrish, Will give

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it a good send off in this weeks Monitor Journal also. My train is nearly ~~God~~ due, God bless you Please excuse brevity, more fully next time

Your friend & Brother
M. E. Shiel.

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Temperance Convention should be held at Bismark Grove