

W. J. Alexander to Governor John St. John

A letter to Kansas Governor St. John from W.J. Alexander, expressing his gratitude and admiration for The Governor's oratory ability at a recent lecture he had given in Leavenworth. Alexander believes temperance should be a condition of eligibility for "positions of public trust."

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Dear Mr. Kaus.
Sept 4th 1880.
Gov St. John.
Topeka, K.

Dear Sir - your answer is before me - thank you for this courtesy in promptly and kindly answering my letter. I wrote you because I am deeply interested in the reform proposed for Kansas - and knowing this Lecture and the power of its author in its delivery - I do not believe there is now in our State - a speaker who will do more good - it is a most searching handling of facts, and of present legislation. Showing what would come of

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making thorough Temperance
a condition of Eligibility
to positions of Public
Trust. I heard this effort 1st
at Mount Carroll Ill - the
home of Hon. Jas. Shaw
Speaker of Ill. House of Reps -
who introduced Mrs W -
I have procured some of her -
Press Notices & will enclose
one that you may know I am
not alone in my estimate of this
Lecture. The Committee - should
have this lesson every where
pronounced its a bold merit-
orious effort.

In conclusion allow
me to congratulate you on having
again been designated as the
conventions choice -

Respecty Yours -
W. J. Alexander