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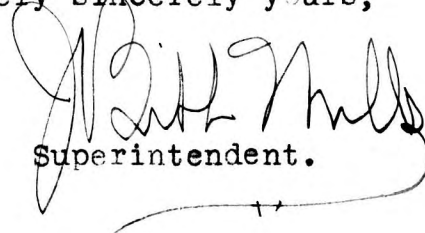
Mr. W. H. Anderson,
906-Broadway at 20th St.,
New York.

My dear Anderson:-

We were reading in the paper this morning about the "mysterious stranger" J. T. King. My wife wanted to know whether or not he is the same John T. King who is a Millionaire of Greensboro North Carolina. He is a very peculiar man she says that would be just like him to do some thing of this kind. I don't know whether there is anything to this suggestion or not. I thought it was well to pass it on to you.

We are praying for you many times each day.
May the Lord bless you.

Very sincerely yours,



Superintendent.

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January 29, 1924.

W. E. P. Anderson,
Carlinville, Ill.

Dear Friend:

You and Mrs. Anderson have my sincere sympathy in this, your hour of trouble. I am inclined to think that the ~~the~~ case will be reversed in the higher courts, and believe it should be.

I earnestly hope that it may come out all right in the end. It was evidently inspired by a spirit of persecution and a desire for revenge.

In the mean time I trust you and Mrs. Anderson will not feel that the outcome of the case will make any difference in the high esteem in which you are held by your thousands of warm personal friends.

Hoping that the gloom and sorrow that now envelops you and the ~~the~~ clouds that now obscure your skies may be dispelled in the near future, I remain as ever,

Your Friend,

C. W. Bliss

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CHARLES B. CAVANAGH
115 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 30th, 1924.

Mr. Wm. H. Anderson,
c/o Anti-Saloon League,
370 - 7th Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Anderson,-

I am shocked to read in the morning paper that you have been 'found guilty'.

In being a martyr to a cause there may be some glory, but there is also much suffering. However, the achievement for the world wide benefit is worth it.

You have been fighting the most vicious, audacious, defiant evil this world has ever known - any evil which would convert the happy, peaceful home into degradation and poverty, turn our churches and educational institutions into brothels and convert the world into a cesspool of iniquity and crime. In waging this war that you have so splendidly won, your plans and work must of necessity have been concealed, and quite reasonably, the identity of many of those assisting you.

It may be that in some moves you have been indiscreet, but I shall never believe that you have ever had one dishonest motive or committed any dishonest act. As a citizen whose aims and desires are for the betterment of mankind, I want to express to you my sympathy, my confidence and my admiration.

Corrupt and debauched magistrates locked up Paul and Silas. Whiskey and crime breeders' emissaries and supporters may lock you up, but they can never kill or stop the cause you have so nobly fought for.

In the face of what I believe a corrupt judiciary making

Wm. H. Anderson.

strained technical decisions which thwart the work of honest officers, these defiers of law have become defiant and fearless of prosecution. I personally know of one judge whose drunken debauches in the hotel where he stops on his circuit, are common knowledge, unprovable, yet this man sits in judgment on liquor cases.

It is my opinion that when the district attorney's office is used, as I believe it to be, to liberate, foster, encourage and protect an octopus whose nourishment and subsistence depends upon degradation, depravity, drunkenness and crime by trying to thwart and "hogtie" a man and an organization that has served such noble and grand purposes, and when the mental processes of the governor of this great state manifest such sordid, depraved and beastly desires that his highest sense of pleasure, recreation and enjoyment is in the foul odors and filthy atmosphere of a slum saloon with his "foot upon the brass rail" surrounded by a maudlin gang of drunken unfortunates, it is time, in the immortal words of Patrick Henry "for all good men to come to the aid of their country".

In closing, may I refer to an article recently published, stating that the Anti-Saloon League is opposed to the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for governor. I wish to assure you my whole hearted sympathy with this stand. I am a loyal republican, by inheritance, education and determination. If Roosevelt, as I understand him to be, an avowed whiskey and saloon element supporter is nominated for governor of this state on the republican ticket, I shall use what little influence, time and money I may have to defeat him and elect the opposition candidate, regardless of who or what he is, and consider that I have done my party a valuable service.

I hope it may be my pleasure to some day meet you personally, and also to have my name enrolled with the Anti-Saloon League.

Cordially yours,



CBC*RAD

February 29, 1924

Mr. Charles B. Cavanagh,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Cavanagh:

I feel that I must indulge myself in the privilege of supplementing by personal word the general letter (copy enclosed) which is the best I can do by way of reply to most of the hosts of friends who have written me.

Your expression of confidence is peculiarly gratifying, and when the time comes that the judgments of men are just, I am certain you will be glad that you felt and expressed the confidence voiced by your letter.

Some day people will comprehend the judicial and journalistic lynching of which I have been the victim, and understand at least fairly clearly what was behind it.

Thanking you not only for myself, but also in behalf of Mrs. Anderson who is hit harder by this even than I, but who is brave and a true helpmeet, I am,

Yours very truly,

WHA-EE

Enc.

P.S. I wonder if you are willing for your letter to be printed - without your name - as soon as it is decided one way or the other whether I am to be railroaded.

W. H. A.

State Journal of Jan. 31, 1924.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON.

William H. Anderson has been found guilty by a New York jury of third degree forgery, the penalty for which is a prison term. Mr. Anderson has the privilege of appeal to the higher courts.

In considering this verdict three elements must be kept in mind: first, that New York state is a nullification state on liquor restrictions, so far as its officary is concerned. George Washington or Abraham Lincoln could be convicted in New York city of any offense they might offer the saloon or whiskey; second, that the prosecution of Mr. Anderson was not instituted or pushed by his employers. On the contrary, they gave him a clean bill of health. After an investigation of his accounts they expressed themselves as satisfied that no offense had been committed against them; third, that the prosecuting attorney more than once offered to dismiss these proceedings, if Mr. Anderson would divulge the sources of Anti-Saloon league funds. In a nutshell, this is the secret of the case against Anderson. The liquor interests want to find out who is supporting the league in New York city and state. The case against Anderson is a species of modern inquisition designed to wring from him certain information that might benefit those whom he is fighting.

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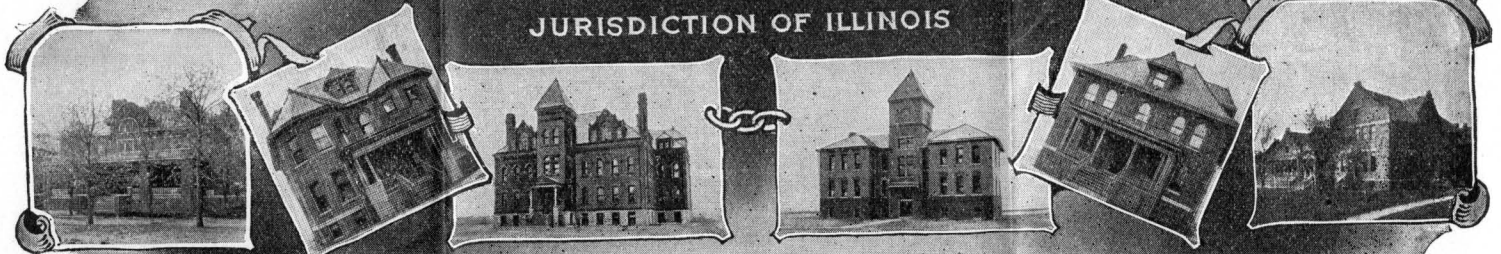
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January 31, 1924.

Mr. W. E. P. Anderson,
Carlinville, Illinois.

Dear Brother Anderson:

I read your statement regarding the belief of yourself and your good wife in the innocence of your son William. Mrs. Lucas and I both join heartily in the belief that that statement was true in every respect, and we will not believe that W. H. was guilty until it has been clearly proven otherwise.

You have the sympathy of both of us to the fullest extent.

Yours fraternally,

JAL/IS

J. A. Lucas.

State of Illinois,
Law Department,
Springfield.

EDWARD J. BRUNDAGE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jan. 31st - 1924.

Hon. W. E. P. Anderson;

Carlinville, Ill.

My Dear Sir;

I want to assure you, of my full belief, - of Hill's innocence, - and his intention to do the fair and right thing. I look upon his persecution, - as mere wet propaganda, of the most Satanic type, - and that all of their evidence was a purchased affair.

I say this, because I have had some experience with the liquor interests, - and discovered that no other criminals, within my knowledge, have supported their cause, with such depths of degradation, and infamy, and disregard of patriotic laws.

I send you an editorial, from this morning's State Journal, - as the view of sensible people, - and I hope will fight his case in every court, that is necessary.

With regards to yourself and
Mrs. Anderson,

James B. Searcy

State of Illinois
Farm Department
Springfield

EDWARD J. BRIDGES
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jan. 21, 1881

Hon. J. C. Anderson

Carlinville, Ill.

My dear Sir,

I want to assure you of my full belief in your cause, and the importance of the work you are doing. I look upon your cause as one of the most important of the day, and that all of us should be interested in it. I have had some experience with the paper interests and business, and in other countries, and I have seen how they have supported their cause, with skill, ability, and industry, and I have seen how they have succeeded. I send you an editorial from the same journal, on the basis of desirable people, and I hope will find it of some use to you.

With regards to your cause and
Yours truly,
James W. Barry

James W. Barry



THE EPWORTH LEAGUE
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CHARLES E. GUTHRIE *General Secretary*
740 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

February 11, 1924.

Mr. William H. Anderson,

Yonkers, New York

My dear Brother Anderson:

This letter would have been written even if the form letter released under your direction on Saturday had not come in this morning.

I have followed with very keen interest the unfoldings of the ordeal through which you have been passing from its very inception. Many of our folks here have questioned me as to my knowledge of the work and of the man with whom as pastor I had some pleasant associations on his own fields in the east. When I stated to them the conditions under which temperance work had to be done in places like Baltimore and New York; how gifts of money had to be received with absolute assurance of protection of the names of givers in many cases, - it lighted the situation very much and I think editorials like the one in the Northwestern Christian Advocate may be said to have resulted from some of these talks.

I want you to know that the confidence in your integrity, character and motive, which has been justified through all these years, remains absolutely unshaken.

I was not in attendance upon the trial and have not before me what was said on the witness stand by yourself or others, but I know something of the treachery of false friends and corrupted employees, to say nothing of the determined purpose to put such men as yourself out of business, by fair means or foul, if a way may be found to do it, cherished by those whom it has been your high privilege to oppose in politics, business and elsewhere.

If you must suffer the heavy punishment that seems impending may the God of all Grace have you and

your loved ones in his keeping and bring you to that
speedy vindication which I believe must come in the days
before us.

With sympathy and love,

Your brother,

Art Guthrie

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Ans
Feb 24

THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
5TH AVENUE AND 29TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

February 12, 1824

My dear W. H. A.

Your letter tendering your resignation was a masterpiece; but I cannot understand why the Board accepted it. I am waiting for light: and meanwhile, I confess to a grave concern for the Cause; not for you.

Sincerely yours,

Amos A. Phelps

The only communication I have made to any ^{reporter} newspaper was trusted by the Past as follows: "The result of the trial confirms my judgment - and that of all right-minded people as to the concerted assault

on the Anti-Saloon League. I have nothing further
to say." — The Post put it thus: "The result
of the trial confirms my judgment and that
of all right-minded men.

As to the concerted assault on
the Anti-Saloon League I have nothing further
to say." So I decline to say anything

Yours
A. A.

Ans
Feb 24

Valatie, New York, Feb'y 16, 1924.

Mr. William H. Anderson,
Yonkers, New York.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

I enclose a letter the first carbon copy of which I have mailed to the addressee. The letter is sent to you to express in a measure the distress and indignation which I feel at the action of the Board in even permitting (if it was no more than that) your resignation at this crisis time.

But my more immediate purpose in sending you the letter is to give you the opportunity to do me the favor of advising me whether it will be a tactical error for me to let this letter of mine to Gates get into the press. Of course Gates will not give it out; so unless you permit me to do so, or will do so yourself, it will not be published.

My own strong feeling is that although the Board stood by you (at least ostensibly, and while good and brave Dr. David James Burrell was in health), yet by their throwing you down now when more than ever "steadiness under fire" was imperatively needed, they have forfeited the confidence of the Church; and that therefore we need an overhauling of the Board, or perhaps an entirely new one.

But though this is my feeling I may not be well enough posted on the "internal workings of the machine," and I don't want to be a fool to rush in where angels fear to tread.

I don't ask you to say more, if you think best to "lay low," than to say that you see no reason why I should not give the letter to the press if I choose to do so. But as you know the ropes so much better than I do you may put it where it will do the most good yourself.

With unshaken confidence and undiminished admiration,
and an unswerving hope for you,

Yours most truly and fraternally,

Robert T. Hallock.

Valatie, New York, Feb'y 16th, 1924.

The Anti-Saloon League,
Mr. F.A. Gates, Representative,
Albany, New York.

My dear Mr. Gates:

After careful thought I have decided to decline the offer of an ASL speaker for our church--and this after 25 years of my loyal co-operation with the League.

The contribution of my little church can make small difference to the League: but the withdrawal of the support of an unfaltering friend of years calls for explanation and justification.

I cannot but regard your Board's acceptance of the probably desired if not actually demanded resignation of William H. Anderson as an action which justly destroys confidence in the practical judgment and moral backbone of the said Board.

For more than thirty years I have been a Pastor in the State of New York; I have seen Anderson put the ASL of N.Y. "on the map" after its years of comparative ineffectiveness during which the wet politicians of either Party regarded the League as largely a joke; and I have seen more than one conspiracy formed amongst false friends as well as open enemies of the Cause, to "get Anderson." This last one has succeeded--with the (doubtless reluctant) consent of the Board, who as Byron says, "Whispering, 'I will ne'er consent'--consented." And the rummies, the bootleggers, the nullificationists, the corrupt political bosses, are the ones that are hugging themselves for joy!

What has Anderson done to deserve this throwdown? And what have the militant churches done that they should be deprived of the inspiring and victorious leadership of this trusted captain? Why, "Anderson has been guilty of errors of judgment!" No doubt. And the man who never makes mistakes never makes anything else. But if Anderson is to be ousted for "errors of judgment" isn't it fairly open for question whether in ousting Anderson the Board itself has not made so very serious an "error of judgment" as to justify ousting the Board on that same count? And who knows which would be the greater loss to our Cause?

For whom have you to take Anderson's place?

"Anderson makes some mistakes, but he is worth any ten men in the temperance work today," wrote an eminent temperance leader to me a few years ago. That estimate and judgment would still stand, even though a prison pen waits to welcome Anderson. And without him leading the League one cannot but fear lest the ASL of N.Y. sink back into the gentle ineffectiveness which it enjoyed before Anderson made it to be feared and hated by the rum-and-politics combine of our State.

But what ought the Board to have done in this exigency?

First. It should have squelched any occult antagonism of subordinates, if such there was, and have given the commanding general loyal coadjutors while the battle was on.

Second. The Board should have stood by Anderson through thick and thin after this prosecution was initiated (as they seem to have done) and on until a higher court free from the baleful influence of Tammany in jury trials had passed upon the verdict. Until that time the Church at large would have stood strongly behind both Anderson and the Board. (But if now a higher court shall reverse this conviction the Board of Directors will be in a truly enviable position in the eyes of Church and general public alike!)

Third. In case of an adverse decision by a superior court, even though based upon a technicality, it would then have become the manifest duty of the Board to give to the League a Superintendent not the inmate of a jail; and however tragic the calamity the churches would have recognized the necessity and would have backed up the Board.

You have read of course, and pondered I hope, the brief but noble personal statement published by Mr. Anderson in the American Issue of Feb. 9th. That is not the statement of a man carrying a guilty secret and choosing rather to go to jail than reveal that secret. And standing as it does with the background of William H. Anderson's known character, ability, and accomplishments for God, ~~it~~ it is nothing less than condemnatory of the Directors who have deserted him in the fiery furnace.

Well, the Board has "unloaded" Anderson. We shall soon see what headway the ASL craft makes against the rushing current. It is possible that it will be found in the plight of the ignorant crew who, caught in the rapids and their captain sick, ousted a heavy weight of iron thinking to lighten the boat, and discovered that they had heaved overboard their highpowered engine, which alone could have furnished the driving force to enable them to come safe to harbor.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D.

P.S. As this is not a private letter, though personally addressed, you are free to use it as you may choose--and I will do likewise.

R. C. H.



February 26, 1924

Rev. David James Burrell, D.D.,
Madison, New Jersey.

PERSONAL

Dear Dr. Burrell:

Perhaps you understand a little better now why the Board accepted my resignation. One or two or three of them had been tampered with by the staff in advance. Of the entire number, two or three at least were affected by what was said, and the rest of them felt that something must be done to hold things together.

In view of the way Brother Everhart went out throwing a dead cat through the window as he left, you can get an idea of the spirit of a few of them. Mr. Hamilton in his way is equally bad. He has threatened the Board,- is sending out stuff attacking the Board. I believe that he is in actual touch with the enemy at the present time. In fact, he kept up the connection with the Potters all the time, and my belief is that while he pretends to think that Everhart should have stood by, nevertheless it was understood between them that Everhart would leave because he had a job, and give a lot of stuff to the papers, while Hamilton would stay around trying to scuttle the ship from the inside. That seems considerable of an indictment until you know that he wrote Mrs. Anderson on February 6th -

"I do not believe Mr. Anderson is guilty of the crimes of which his enemies accuse him,- I shall continue to say so,- I will allow no outsider to say a word against him - his enemies are mine also"-

and yet, within a few days, was making even worse charges than the enemy has dared to make. Everhart betrayed the whole business by indicating his resentment over the fact that the man who was put in is a man that I favored,- in fact, he is a friend of mine and told the Board so.

I am writing to you facing the imminent probability still of being compelled to serve my sentence in prison before I am vindicated, as I confidently expect to be. If I am railroaded I will give out a statement.

Of course, the way this thing has turned around, a great deal of the benefit that might have been gotten for the cause by my imprisonment may be lost. I can only hope that the loss growing out of this situation will not be irrevocable.

It is very clear, however, that resignation was the only thing. If I had hung on, giving people a chance to say that I put the League above myself, with this imprisonment imminent and with the staff acting as Everhart has already done and others were

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ready to do, conditions would have been bad. The League especially if I had been imprisoned would perhaps have been disrupted. The enemy might have gotten control of the situation. Further, even if I escape, going to prison now pending the appeal, it is quite certain I would not have escaped if they thought that was necessary to get me out of the fighting line.

It has been ten years of cruel punishment. No man ever ought to have to carry the load, financial and otherwise, that I have had to carry in addition to the fight. On the other hand, it has been ten years of glorious matchless opportunity. I do not begrudge it even at this price. I am grateful to God that I have been spared this long and permitted to bring about so much of accomplishment.

I have appreciated more than I could tell the way you have stood by through difficulties. It was unfortunate, but not your fault, that you were not in a position to help when the crisis came.

I have no bitterness in my heart even toward those who have betrayed or deserted me. I regret some things. I have a little pity and some little contempt for some who have been so easily stampeded and fooled. I refuse to soil my soul by indulging in any hatred of the real traitors who might if they had had the manhood to come and talk to me possibly have entertained the opinion that I ought to resign without it being in the slightest degree disloyal.

There is nothing for me to do except to hold on to my faith which is strong enough to sustain me, and just let things work out. After twenty-four years of what I have been through, I cannot be snuffed out by any such injustice as this.

Yours very truly,

WHA-EB

severed angle worms?

"The world, the flesh and the devil"
set out to get you: and with the aid
of Tammany and some false friends
of the Cause they have apparently suc-
ceeded.

Do you remember my saying
that your conviction was a forgone
conclusion? Your innocence of the
charges and specifications made no
difference. A sacrifice was called for.

I'm sorry I couldn't fight for
you; though, thank the Lord you have
not lacked friends — friends who, like
myself, know you and believe in you
— but, unlike myself, have the strength to
march to the battle music.

The Lord bless you,

Fraternally,
J. M. D.

W. H. Anderson
Samuel J. Dunsell

THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
5TH AVENUE AND 29TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Madison N.J. Feb 27, 1904.

My dear W.H.

The false issues which
have been raised against you merely
emphasize the recklessness of the attack
on the League as representing the temperance
Cause. The following facts are clear:

(1) It was arranged that you
were to come to us on a tentative
salary of \$5000 per annum.

(2) You declined to come until
you had closed up your affairs in
Maryland: which was to be by Jan 1, 1904.

(3) In the meantime, however, you
were to carry on a publicity campaign
for us, as you saw fit; the matter to be left
wholly to you.

(4) You arrived in N.Y. on or about Jan 1, 1914 and immediately began your officious work as Sup^t of the N.Y. League at the stipulated salary of \$5000. per annum.

(5) It was arranged, (and so voted I believe,) that while the expenses of the publicity campaign were to be incurred and defrayed by yourself, at your best judgment, you were to be reimbursed by the Board.

(6) After the lapse of several years (three or thereabouts, as I remember) you, at my suggestion, submitted a statement of outlay for publicity campaign which was \$24,700.

(7) As it was obviously impossible to pay you this amount out of the regular income of the League without crippling its current activities, the Board at your suggestion arranged for its gradual payment by income from other sources

than the Contributions of the Churches.

(8) In addition ~~to~~ this, in view of advances made by you in 1913, before the beginning of your official work as Sup^t of the New York League, the sum of \$5000⁰⁰ was to be paid you.

(9) It was at that time, as I remember, that your salary was raised to \$10,000⁰⁰ the same to date from the beginning of the fiscal year.

(10) Your salary was never raised to \$15,000⁰⁰ per annum. On the contrary, a few years ago, you were voted the sum of \$5000⁰⁰ for that year only: the understanding being that the appropriation of a like amount in subsequent years would depend on the condition of the League's finances and other circumstances.

But, what's the use, dear man, of trying to correct misstatements, which no sooner are they refuted than they grow into new forms of life, like

THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
FIFTH AVENUE AT 29TH STREET, WEST
NEW YORK CITY

Madison N.J. Feb 27. 1907

My dear J. H. -

If this is not what you want,
let me know.

I'm sorry I couldn't be in the
midst of the battle; but it wouldn't
have made the slightest difference.

The thing was pre-arranged, as I have
insisted, from the beginning.

I thank you for your letter.

It was not necessary, however. You
have my confidence, and have had
it all along, from a to zzzard. You
are incidentally, having a better
taste of human nature. But look
this up: 2 Tim. 4. 16. - and don't lose heart,

Yours
And J. W. Dunsell

THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
NINTH AVENUE AT 23RD STREET, WEST
NEW YORK CITY

Madam Mrs. G. of N.Y.

My dear Madam -

Of the first order you want,
let me know.

Our only concern is in the
order of the letter; but it would
be made the slightest difference.

The thing was necessary, as I
understand, from the beginning.
I thank you for your letter.

It would be necessary, however, for
your own convenience, and I have
it all done, from a to Z, for
you, respectively, having a list
of names of persons.

This is: order of the
from

THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
FIFTH AVENUE AT 29TH STREET, WEST
NEW YORK CITY

Madison N.J. March 4. 1914.

My dear Mr Anderson,

In reply to your query as to my recollection of the dating back of your salary increase, it is as follows:

(1) When at my suggestion you submitted a statement of your outlay for publicity work aggregating \$24,700⁰⁰, an addition of \$5,000⁰⁰ was appropriated as compensation for your services in 1913 (i.e. prior to the beginning of your official term as Superintendent in N.Y.)

(2) This \$5,000 was for service, as indicated, and not in reimbursement for cash advanced by you in publicity Campaign.

(3) The \$24,700⁰⁰ was distinctly in repayment of outlays made by you in the publicity Campaign of the League; this Campaign having been authorized by the Board of the League ^{with} ~~their~~ full authority for it placed in your hands.

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THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
FIFTH AVENUE AT 29TH STREET, WEST
NEW YORK CITY

(4) The increase of your salary from \$5,000 to \$10,000 was not made for several years, the ^{reason} understanding being that it would be made only when the income of the League would warrant it.

(5) To the best of my recollection the increase was voted in 1918, to take effect, however, from the first of the fiscal year just closed. This was done to so as to cover the appropriation of \$5000.00, which was recognized as a valid indebtedness as of years before and which had been subject only to the League's ability to pay.

(6) This, I believe, was intended by the Board not as ordinary salary but as an outright appropriation of the amount in question. I have been a member of the Board for many years and its President since 1914.

Sincerely yours
Rand D. Daniels

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William H. Anderson, Esq.,
c/o Sing Sing Prison,
Ossining, New York.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

Through Dr. Lyman Powell, your son came to see me a day or so ago in his search for a position, and I am making some effort to find him one.

After he left me, I got out and went carefully over a copy of the Opinion of the Appellate Division in the matter of your appeal. The thing which impressed me as a very unusual feature of the memorandum was this:

The spirit of the constitutional provision which protects a defendant in a right to be "confronted with the witnesses against him", is the right to be confronted with his accusers, namely, with the complaining witnesses.

In your case, the real complainants involved would be either the corporation or the tax collectors, neither of whom pressed any charges.

The fact that the prosecution against you was practically lacking in complaining witnesses, who are pressing the charge with an interest in the same, is one that I should think should receive very great emphasis wherever and whenever your case is under consideration.

Very truly yours,

W. H. C. Clarke

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Mr. William H. Anderson
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Will:

I didn't think so at the time, but I think now it was quite presumptuous in me to ask for a financial statement from you two people. At that time it looked like the whole structure might fall and I thought it the duty of your folks to know all about you. But I should not ask that kind of a question now. It would give anybody too good a chance to say, "That's none of your business". But we have all been so interested in you, and so depressed by your tragedy, we are liable to ask anything, and you both have had sense enough to know that we did it because we loved you. I don't think one bit more of your financial management than I did before you wrote the last letter. My opinion of both of you in every way has been the kind of opinion that made me feel very small when thinking over what you had both accomplished, for I don't think either of you could have done it alone.

In my mind's eye I picture you making an address in some big building in New York, with a full house and saying something like this:-
" My dear friends: If any of my hearers to night have ever been in jail, or if any of you have ever spent 9 months in the pennitentiary then you know how happy I am to be out. My home never looked so good, the people never so good, and the world never looked so good as right now. If there are some in my audience who have never been in jail, I trust that when they put you there, it will be for something, I hope it will not be for nothing like it was in my case. Whether they expected to break me down physically, mentally, morally I don't know, but if anybody did expect that, he is mistaken. But if they had in mind to break me up financially, they builded wiser than they knew, for I am dead broke. I had two or three liberty bonds, and they are gone. My home is mortgaged, I have borrowed against my life insurance. Borrowed all I could borrow from the Bank. When you cut off a man's resources, and throw him into a long siege of litigation trying to prove his innocence to the world, it costs lots of money. I am clean stripped. I loaned all my money to the Anti-Saloon League that I lived, loved and worked for in New York for ten years. They owe me now \$35,000. I am not receiving a cent from them. They haven't paid a dollar on the obligation and that is all the money in the world I have. How I am to get it, I don't know. I have come out here tonight to talk to you about it. It is an honest debt, and I need the money. My boy has quit college and gone to work. My girl has quit college and gone to work. I am not asking for charity from anybody. Not asking favors from anybody in the world. I just want to get my honest debts paid me."

Now then, let us see what happens. Letters will begin to flow into

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the Anti-Saloon League by the hundreds. "Is Anderson crazy- Is he correct- Do you owe him this money- Are you paying him any money- If not, why not- Is the League broke- Can't the League pay its debts"- and a thousand other questions. I imagine I see the Board of Directors coming together and saying "What can be done?" and if it is humanly possible, pay you off and shut you up, they will do it. I don't believe they can carry on as a League if they keep saying that of you.

It might not be a bad plan to make your statement and mail it out to every minister and every newspaper and every friend you have in New York. But a statement of that kind will soon get around. Of course the League must be made to pay if possible.

I just imagine they haven't any money and can't get any. I imagine if you could see the subscriptions that come into that office, they would look like thirty cents.

A methodist minister told me Sunday that the League of New York was busted, disgraced and discredited since you went out.

I think by making speeches all over New York, you would collect some money. You would build up lots of fresh enemies and fresh friends and a fellow don't care how many dislike him if it is the majority that does like him, so that needn't count anything. The question in my mind is how to get the money. If the league can be made to get the money, that's one thing, but I imagine if the truth were known that the workers now are not getting paid every Saturday night. Maybe half pay and maybe not.

Don't think anybody could blame you, even a cheap buisness man after you write the League a number of times asking them for money, then after you make demands for money and don't get any, you have a right to use drastic measures. How would it do to put the account in the hands of a collecting agency?

Your devoted brother,

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