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July 30, 1895

Rev. J. G. Davenport,

Waterbury.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of 27th duly received. I very much regret that my friend Woodruff has gone into a business where liquor is sold. I know personally that he does not like that kind of business, but I fear his principle is not strong enough to withhold an opportunity to make money even if it is associated with that business. He is a good fellow and was well liked here, but was not satisfied with what he was making, and has made several changes lately on that account. His religious life and principles need cultivating, and although I know nothing about the man who is in there with him, I think it likely that if the grocery part of their business prospers, he might be induced under the proper influences, to give up the other, as I believe Woodruff's interest there is to be as large as anyone's. This of course will have to come later, and in the mean time we will have to hope and pray.

I have no doubt that your people while they may "hate the sin", will "love the sinner", and hope they will get as much hold as possible on the woodruff's and do them as much good as they can.

Sincerely,