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Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. King:-

In reply to yours of November 21st I beg to say that I think the first action taken by the Board of the Department of Temperance and Moral Reform of the Methodist Church was in the form of a resolution passed on March the 6th, 1907, which reads as follows: "That we authorize the Chairman of this Board to sign on our behalf the petition to all civilized Governments to take separate and united action to prohibit the selling of intoxicants and opium to uncivilized races."

Sometime after that information was sent me from Kingston and from Moose Jaw to the effect that opium was being manufactured in Vancouver in the hope of being able to export it to China and thus defeat the purposes of the Chinese Government. I took the matter up and mentioned the subject publicly in Ottawa and elsewhere, and during an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, I told him that I was going to British Columbia and if he desired it would look into the matter for him there. He requested me to do so, and I now enclose to you a copy of the report that I sent him at that time. This report was referred to the Hon. Wm. Paterson for action, but, inasmuch as you had taken the matter up and reported to the Postmaster General, the issue passed over into the hands of that Department, with the happy results, for which we are all thankful.

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