

Jan. 23, 1903

Dear Mr. Bodley,

I wish we might have your sympathy, help and interest in the work that the pastors and churches are trying to do in Granville.

I don't know whether you realize how much influence a business man and employer of others may have over others. I believe your influence is very great in many ways.

I have been here in town long enough to know that you and Mr. Bodley are both interested in what will make Granville better and more intelligent.

And we all feel grateful for what you have done for the library and in preparing such a beautiful place as is the Lake

and the drive to it.

I am not thinking of financial help though that is very important but moral help and the help that would come to any cause which had your public effort.

I am working here on the hill and the other parties are working there for what we believe to be for the best good of this town in every sense of the word, moral, spiritual, intellectual and physical.

But my dear sir you don't know how much we should appreciate the effort of yourself and men like Mr Noble and the Halecomb Brothers and the Gibbons Brothers. I mean such effort - as I have mentioned above.

I feel that you men are the back-bone of the business and social life of this part of our town and as you men go and do so go (and do (as near as they can) many others.

You may say why do I write this letter just at this time, It is because the three Churches and Pastors are working as they have not done before to help their members, and those who are not members to be better men and women or to be what we feel God wants them to be.

Since the first Sunday in Jan we have been holding these union services and some good I feel

has been done but not near as much as we wish and hope to see done.

Now let me tell you what we are planning to do, first we expect to have with us ^{the joyful} a young, earnest Christian man to help in this work, second on Sunday all the people of the different Churches are to meet at the Old Church here on the Hill for the morning service then at 1:45 P.M. all unite at the M.E. Church and at 7, all unite at the Baptist Church.

I believe you could help this work so much if you would attend ⁱⁿ and others to attend the services on Sunday and next week, and every Sunday also.

Respt Yours, David L. Keble,
Chauville Center, Mass.