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Mr. William Russell Davis
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My dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of August 7, which would have been acknowledged before but that I have been out of town.

Now, as to whether I was right or not in saying in regard to the Prohibition Amendment that a majority put it in. What I had in mind was that a majority of States put it in. If it came to a per capita count, I am under the impression that there would be still a good sized majority for it. A lot of people who have grave doubts about Prohibition would vote for it, for political reasons or because they feared the immediate consequences of a repeal. I think myself that there is very little chance of a repeal if it was put to a popular vote.

You suggest that I write another article on the methods by which the Amendment was secured. That is an historical study which would require more time than I can command. I am, however, gathering information, as I can, on that very point. If anything comes your way I shall be very glad to receive it. Some day I may feel myself equipped to say something about the matter. In the meantime let me thank you for your letter.

Sincerely yours