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Mr. George B. Bennett  
Tulsa, Okla.

My dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for writing me so frankly  
about my article in "Liberty."

I am sorry you feel that it is out of harmony with  
what you know of me and of my thinking and writing. It doesn't  
seem so to me. I have felt very seriously for the past five  
years about the way that Prohibition seemed to me to be breaking  
down temperance in the country. I am a little bit afraid of the  
bitterness of feeling that I see engendered. I think it is much  
wiser to put it up frankly to people. Wars are not necessarily  
between sections, dear Mr. Bennett. Many of the most serious  
wars of the world, and the most long continued, have been re-  
ligious wars. Nothing sectional there, purely matters of belief.

You don't see it as I do but that doesn't prove that  
what I see is right. All I know is that it is right for me to  
put down things as I see them, just as it is for you.

Thanking you again for your letter and particularly for  
its kindly tone, believe me

Sincerely yours