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Dear Mr. Diller:

It was kind of you to send me so promptly the material I wanted about your father's life. I would be glad if you would let me have anything concerning him that you could put your hands on. One of these days I want to make a little sketch of him, not a Billy Brown sketch, but a Roland Diller sketch.

I know that my position on Prohibition distresses you. It is one of the painful features of disagreeing with the views of your friends that they really suffer for what they believe is your wrong-mindedness, but I cannot see it any other way, so must speak as I think.

I was much interested in what you tell me about your father's conversion. I wonder, dear Mr. Diller, that if prohibition had come in his lifetime and before the religious experience of which you speak, his habits would have changed. Would he not have done just as thousands are doing now, found his liquor. One of my strongest objections to prohibition is that it takes away the old appeal to manhood, the education to temperance, which had done so much to break the sway of liquor. I'm afraid that the law has undertaken to do something that only education and the power of God can ever accomplish.

Think as kindly of me as you can, for I assure you dear Mr. Diller, that I am writing only what I believe.

Very sincerely,