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Dear Bro Leav.

I write you at the suggestion of Bro Alexander to say that if any arrangement can be made by which I could spend a portion of my time in the field it should be done.

I suppose I have rec<sup>d</sup> at least 300 invitations this year - many of them begging me to go. The brethren do not understand why I can't go - They think I can & should go, but that I won't go. You know that it is a physical impossibility for me to go unless I have some one to do my work here while away. You know also that I am not able to go & pay for additional help. I am & have been paying out more of my salary than I should have done in justice to myself & family. The arduous work, demanding my personal attention as Secy, is telling on the paper in various ways.

If I could get my expenses paid & a small allowance for clerical aid while away, I could spend part of my

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time in the field, I was led by Bro. Heyaud  
to hope that such would be recommended  
at the State Alliance, but I presume the  
charge made by King & Co. on my salary  
knocked it up. If the work of this important  
office is to be kept up to its standard is  
done as it should be, the State Alliance  
& its officers must know something of the  
amount & character of work done & of its  
heavy responsibility & they must let the  
order know these things, so it will know  
what is necessary to support it. The debate  
on the question in our State Alliance  
showed that they did not know & the  
very partial investigation of the Committee  
showed that they did not know.

I feel that I am frittering away time here  
in mere clerical work that could be  
better utilized. Think about it & write me.

Travelling yours  
L. L. Polk