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Mr. Melvin Kraemer,  
Kraemer Hardware Co.,  
Marysville, Kansas.

Dear Mel:

I was mighty happy to have your letter of the 27th ultimo, and I assure you that I know exactly how you feel. But let me offer this one word, Mel. I wouldn't let the other fellows' acts deter me from doing anything that would be a good thing for you to do.

Just because someone else does something that causes people to question the ideals of an organization is no reason why you should feel discouraged to the point that you should not want to be a member with those fellows who do actually live by the ideals of an organization. You would strengthen the organization and help the weaker members by being a member.

I know what you mean - the fellows who pat a fellow on the back with one hand and out his throat with the other. Well, Mel, you can't change this world and I guess we will always have a certain percentage of those people. They are in every organization, in every land.

Anyhow, I am glad to have had this correspondence with you and I would cherish a visit some time in Marysville, Kansas, in the Kraemer Hardware store. I may drop up some time and prop my feet up on your desk and visit with you for thirty minutes. Lots of good luck to you.

Cordially yours,

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