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Dear Dr. Allen:

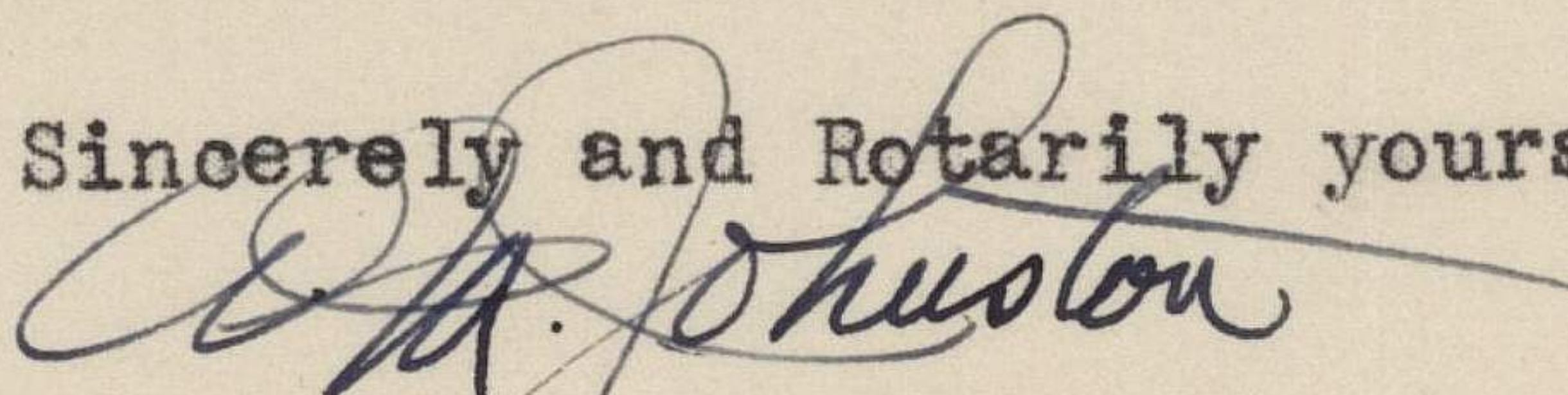
I believe you and I agreed upon March 30 as the date for my appearance on the program of the Lawrence Rotary Club. You requested that I tell you something of myself so as to shorten introduction remarks. Of course I am glad to follow your custom in this respect.

I was born in 1887 in Minneapolis, KANSAS; attended the public schools of that little city and later attended and graduated from Baker University in 1910. Then went to Columbia University in New York for first year law work. Took the next two years at the University of Michigan from which I graduated with J. D. degree in 1913. Located in Manhattan in 1914 and Mr. Harlan and I became partners on January 1, 1917 and have been partners since. I have a wife, "Vina", who was an Iowa girl; and I have two children, Mary Louise, who is now in Kansas State College, and Bill, who is in Manhattan High School. My only political venture has been the customary one for young lawyers for I served as county attorney of Riley County in the dim distant past. Hal is the politician of this firm. Have shown sufficient interest in community affairs to serve on the board of education, library board, and other boards and committees and have been president here and there but your members are not interested in that. Was president of the Manhattan Rotary Club 1940-1941. I make no claim to the unusual, being just one of the many millions of Americans whose only boast is that they are Americans. I do claim credit, however, for having chosen a ~~am~~ talented and beautiful wife, and ~~to~~ having had a part in the rearing and education of two splendid children. That's enough isnt it Dr. Allen?

The topic for my discussion is "There's a Reason", and it has to do with Rotary.

Anticipating a lot of pleasure in meeting the members of your club and with fingers crossed hoping they wont be too much disappointed in what I shall say, I am

Sincerely and Rotarily yours



My first name is Ambrose, but dont tell. Am called "Brose".

→ Hal