one man has spread the domain of his country over other nations. Caesar, Charlemagne, Charles V and Napoleon are instances of the kind and the great empires so constructed, quickly separated into individual governments. I am sure I do not know the answer. I wish I did.

Our tulips are now gone but they have been beautiful. Iris is in bloom and later varieties will come on. The first lot of Oriental Poppies have bloomed. Our hedge of old-fashioned yellow roses is in full bloom. We have two men working now trying to keep things cultivated, trimmed and in good order. We are not having a great deal of garden this year.

I am very, very sorry for Julia and you will see in my letter that I asked her that she try to get someone to aid her before she breaks. She is not young enough to stand up under such a strain indefinitely.

A short time ago I heard that Loren Gowdy, Ed Gowdy's son, was at Sabetha, Kansas. I wrote him a letter and received a reply this morning. I wouldn't be surprised if they didn't drive down someday to see us. I asked him to send me a picture of his little boy but he said they lost all of their pictures two years ago in a flood, but that they would have some taken and send me one. He looked so much like Dolph, Jr., when I last saw him.

Lots of love to both of you and appreciation for all that you do.

Lovingly your brother,