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My dear Marshall:

As we are of the same age and have been co-workers in the same field for so many years, I appreciate all the more your letter of congratulations concerning my 50th anniversary.

I recall a verse from an old song which said, "If religion were a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die." And so perhaps it is the same with a monopoly. If a man secures a monopoly simply because he has more means than other men in the same field and is able to crowd them out, quite often the same advantage thus gained is of little value, and to me it is interesting to know that what I have now was attained thru the practice of policies that appealed to the reading public of the community, and that being the case, even though we do virtually occupy the field alone, we are still guided by the kindly friendship and regard for others which made a place for us in a crowded field.

I cannot close this letter without expressing to you my deep appreciation for the character and manhood that has enabled you to go thru years of sorrow without getting you down. You merit a far greater crown than I am able to provide.

Cordially yours,

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