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Mr. W. A. White  
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My dear White:

I should have answered your letter of December 10th long ago, but the holiday season when our children and grandchildren come home and the days given to winding up the year's business forced me to neglect answering some of the good letters that I received.

You have been active in Kansas affairs practically all of the years that I have been in Lawrence. During the earlier years I was the hard worker who had to bring in the business and arrange for the payroll, while my partner attended the public gatherings and knew the people of the state much better than I did.

I have your letter before me and while it is true that the generation we knew when we entered business has passed away, some way I think neither one of us has identified himself with one particular period, but rather like the seasons, we have kept in touch with both those who have passed on and those who have taken their places on the stage of life. One must not muse too much along these lines.

My four children with their spouses and my nine grandchildren have undoubtedly had a part in keeping me from drying up and blowing away.

I have had occasion to see you in action a good many times, and you always do things in such a way that I am proud of you. You certainly handled the 75th anniversary in a most charming manner.

With very best wishes to you and yours and with full appreciation of your friendship, I remain

Sincerely and Cordially yours,

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