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Justice Walter G. Thiele,
The Supreme Court of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Justice Thiele:

I presume I should say "My dear Walter", but I have always felt that it was right and proper that a certain dignity should surround members of the court and altho through the years I have had quite a number of dear friends on the Bench, I have usually addressed them as I have you at this time.

I appreciate the good things contained in your letter and the long acquaintance that we have had one with the other.

I did not want to make much of an ado over my fiftieth anniversary because, ordinarily, a fifty years celebration marks the end of the line, while with me, I simply wish it to be remembered as a pleasant stopping place along the road of life.

At this festal season of the year, Mrs. Simons joins me in wishing you and yours every good thing for Christmas and the New Year.

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM