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My dear Sky Pilot:

I appreciate very much your letter of congratulations in regard to my 50th anniversary. It has been an interesting experience. Of the eighty-seven years since Lawrence was founded, fifty have passed under my personal knowledge. I have helped dig the town out of the mud and the Slough of Despond in which I found it in '91.

We are not thru building, we are not entirely satisfied, but we are gratified over the improvement which has been made. I think perhaps that we have had a little part in making Lawrence somewhat different from other towns. I believe there is a higher regard for decency, less profanity, and a higher type of life in Lawrence than in many other communities, and if we have had any part in maintaining these higher ideals, we are happy.

I appreciate your friendship, I appreciate your good work in the church, and if you would just impress upon our custodian the necessity for a little more fresh air, maybe God could more easily find his way in thru the open window.

With best wishes to you and your charming family, I remain

Cordially yours,

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