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Supt. Clifford D. Dean  
Public Schools  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dean:

I was very happy to receive your letter of congratulations of December 13th.

One of my earliest memories of Lawrence was that of attending a program in the old high school when W. H. Johnson was principal and Ed Stanley was superintendent. A quartet of which the late Supt. Peairs was one, sang a bit off key, but I enjoyed it just the same.

I have sincerely tried to be a true friend to the Lawrence schools. Whenever I have felt that the work was slipping in any department, I have tried to call the superintendent's attention to it. I think that a few years ago, a letter I wrote not only brought about a much improved condition in one department of the high school, but enabled one of you very good teachers of today to get rid of some practices that, if continued, would have ruined him as a teacher.

Believe me, that I always enjoy building up rather than tearing down.

I look for continued good work under your able direction.

Cordially yours,

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