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Dear Cousins:

I presume that the war agitation makes Willard uncomfortable, but having wife and children he might not have to go into service unless things become exceedingly bad.

Dolph Simons, Jr., who graduates from the University at the coming commencement, will be twenty-one years old on the 11th of March, and he looks forward to military service, not as his choice but of necessity. His younger brother, John, now eighteen, is a midshipman at the University of Kansas and has the same standing as if he were enrolled at Annapolis. They are both fine, promising young men and I sincerely hope that they will come through their military service without loss of life or being maimed.

Service to one's country is a laudable thing, but it is indeed unfortunate when any country has weak and unfit men to guide it. We are certainly in a nasty mess at Washington. Kansas, as you know, is still in the Republican column, although the Democrats made a great effort to win in the last election.

I hope that you and yours will have a pleasant Christmas and that your health will gradually improve.

Find enclosed check for Christmas. I hope you can get something with it that will please you.

With love to all,

WCS:bjh  
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