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Colonel and Mrs. Karl Baldwin
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Dear Colonel and Phalina:

I certainly enjoyed your good letter of January 25. I sometimes feel a little like the last leaf on the tree according to the song of the poet of some years ago. While I am thankful to be fit physically I can not deny, nor wish to deny my age. On my family tree are at least two persons who lived to be 102 years old, and I certainly would not wish to look forward to that many more years.

Lawrence is still a beautiful town and a fine place in which to live or to do business. The university continues to grow and the town has spread out in all directions. The Sunflower Ordnance plant is to be reactivated, and that will mean, for a time at least, an influx of more people. The last time it meant the making of more friends and of happy acquaintances that have continued until today. I received Christmas cards this year from several of those with whom I became acquainted at that time, and it is surprising how their families have grown in the few years which have elapsed.

My son, Dolph, has been exceedingly busy. A year ago he was elected first vice president of the Associated Press which has occasioned quite a little attention, and he is also now serving as president of the K.U. Alumni Association. His oldest son, Dolph, will graduate at the coming commencement, and of course looks forward to military service. His younger brother, John, now a freshman, is a midshipman in the NROTC program at the university.

In addition to my ten grandchildren I now have two darling great-grandsons, one less and one slightly more than a year old. I am glad that John is happily married and I have always seen possibilities or probabilities of a successful life for him. Please give him my regards.