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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks  
246 South Twelfth Street  
Salina, Kansas

Dear Friends:

I have taken a lot of pleasure in looking at your Christmas card. The picture is good of all of you, but Dayna looks like such a big girl, almost a young lady and she was just a little tad when you were with us and called me granddad. I remember you all very kindly and hope you are doing well.

I attended the Wesleyan for a part of '88 and '89. We lived in a very pretty five room home a couple of blocks north of the school and across the railroad. I planted a couple of pine trees which when I last saw them were probably thirty or forty feet tall, and now they may be larger yet if they have not died.

Salina is a very good town. I think it is one of the best in western Kansas, and I presume that Fred is working on the Journal. Oddly enough, as a boy of seventeen I was the first reporter on the paper when it was called the Daily Republican before the name was changed to Journal. As a matter of fact, the change was made when Senator Bristow bought a rather outstanding weekly paper called the Journal and combined it with the daily. Although Henry Allen was several years older than I, it was I who introduced him to the people of Salina when he first came there as a reporter on the paper after it was bought by J. L. Bristow.

As you perhaps remember, my daughter, Janet, Mrs. L. A. McNalley, lives at Minneapolis, Kansas, which is only about twenty-five miles from Salina.

It was mighty nice of you to send your photographic Christmas card and I am glad to see you all looking so well.

Cordially yours

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