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Mr. Jim Pine
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Dear Jim,

I am glad that the spirit moved you to write me your good letter of December 18. You speak of growing old, and yet I think you are quite a little younger than myself. I have no desire to be the last leaf on the tree, but I shall try to await patiently and to be as active as I can as long as I am here.

I do not believe, however, that I should like to live as long as some of my ancestors, who topped the 100 mark. Life seems to be dear to everyone no matter how old they may be, but I rather like that quotation from Shakespeare to the effect of one wrapping his gown about him and lying down to sleep. Shakespeare pondered quite a good deal not only over this life, but that which is to follow.

There isn't much news that I can think of to tell you other than that Lawrence seems destined to become a still larger city than it is. We have the Sunflower Ordnance plant here and Wesvaco Chemical plant and an active cannery and are to have another bank. All of these things tend to further growth and prosperity.

In spite of the floods, there has been no serious movement on the part of the people of North Lawrence to seek higher ground. The weather here has been quite open. We had a little skim of snow some weeks ago, which is now practically all gone.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Cordially,

W. C. Simons

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