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Dear Lefty,

I was very glad to get your letter of December 17. I have always been fond of you and am interested in yourself and general welfare.

I think I have told you that your father used to remind me a bit of my own father, who died when I was only six years old. A boy misses a great deal by not having a father, but I was extremely fortunate in having a wonderful mother. I have been fortunate not only in having a wonderful mother, but I was fortunate indeed to have had an unusually fine wife and mother-in-law. Women have undoubtedly had a great part in shaping my life. Having been reared by my mother instead of causing me to lean upon women and to expect too much from them, it has had a contrary effect in trying to save them from any unnecessary trouble or effort. As you know, I have three fine daughters, and while none of them live in Lawrence, I see each one quite often.

I was always so busy that I never had much time for outside work and therefore never became identified with scouting. I think it is mighty fine that you like the work and are able to give time to it. The future of this old world depends upon our boys and girls.

I shall be glad to have you write me frequently.

Cordially,

W. C. Simons

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