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Dear Adna and Jane,

I see you have discarded the use of "Birdie", which as I recall was the name by which we know you best years ago. A lot of water has gone under the dam since then, and of it in 1903 and 1951 went by so rapidly that it paid no attention to the dam. This was hard on people living on the lowland north of the river and to others in the river valley, but Lawrence itself lies so high that it is not troubled by floods.

The old town would seem very different to you. In the first place, the old hotel has given away to a five story brick. The old theatre and post office have given away to a fine post office building erected by the government and a large modern theatre, intended by Mr. Bowersock to be a sort of memorial for himself. His name, however, did not cling to the building very long. It first was called the Dickenson and now the Jayhawker. In talking to Mr. Bowersock one time, I suggested to him the advisability of erecting some sort of a memorial by which he could be remembered by future generations, and at that time he said that he expected the theatre building to do that for him and in accordance therewith would spend more money upon it than he otherwise would have done. Today to the best of my knowledge, there is nothing in Lawrence bearing the name Bowersock. In looking at the telephone book, I find that I am mistaken and that the mills and power company still bear the name Bowersock.

I used to think that Lawrence would have a population of 20 or 25 thousand and now I look forward to a considerably larger city. We have the Sunflower Ordnance works a few miles to the east and a large Westvaco Chemical plant in North Lawrence. The University still caps the top of the hill, but the University grounds now include what used to be the Brown dairy farm, which you may remember by outside supports to keep the wall from sliding down the hill. The homes of professors and others