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Dear Blanche:

Your letter of March 9th arrived today and gave me much pleasure. You and my son made the same mistake in reading my letter. My appointment and my little granddaughter, with the Asheville oculist, is for April 10th, I plan to go to Richmond after that. I do not expect a change of glasses. ^{The doctor,} He will probably take my intraocular tension and tell me that my cataracts are not yet ready for an operation. In Mexico I used to measure vision and prescribe glasses and have removed cataracts. There is a proverb in medicine "Whoever treats himself has a fool for a patient" so I am having the other doctor make the decision for me. April 10th is on Friday. On that week end I shall fly to Richmond and on the following week end expect my son to drive me to visit you at Enfield. No doubt my son and your son, both being Rhodes scholars, will find much of common interest. I had a beautiful garden in Mexico. Our latitude was about 19 degrees north, so we never had very cold weather. Our altitude was just under 6500 feet above sea level, so our summers were much milder than those of most of the United States. I never saw an electric fan in the city in which I lived. Roses bloomed almost throughout the year. In addition, there were many blooming plants I had never seen before.

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Violets, forget-me-nots and several kinds of lilies,
bloomed in the spring. Daisies, pansies and crepe
myrtle in early summer.
I should like to cultivate a garden now but I am
too feeble.

Yesterday I gave my daughter some beautiful potted
plants, lilac colored chrysanthemums. When the blossoms
fall off she will transplant the roots in her garden.
Flowers speak a language of love that other presents
can only whisper.

My first wife loved carnations and thrilled when
I gave them to her.
Whenever I see them I wish I had given them to
her often.

I shall write my son and ask him to make plans
to drive to Enfield April 18th. He often is scheduled to
make speeches or engage in discussions months
ahead. I shall probably call you from Richmond
when I know my son's plans for the date given.
Looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you and
your scholarly son, I am
Sincerely,
Llewellyn

After knowing each other for sixty odd years, I think
that is long enough to address each other by our first
names.