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Dear Mr. Kohler:

I had not heard from our friend James Still for a good while, in the way that happens too often now when everything is in such confusion. I heard he had gone in the army, but I know nothing more. At least half a dozen friends of mine seem to be lost lately: my letters from the army camps come back marked unknown or insufficient address, though I wrote to the address given me... So life is full of unfinished business and broken plans and unanswered questions all around.

Thank you for your good wishes about the novel. It is getting finished under some difficulties, but I hope it does not show the strain in itself. When I have been able to get to it at all, it seems to be written out of some source not too much affected by present events. I hope so at any rate.

If you should happen to find out where Jim is, please let me know.

My new address is above.

Yours sincerely

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