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Contained here is the final half of a tribute to Dr. Carroll D. Clark in recognition of his service to the study of society and to the University of Kansas, which has been unceasing for a half century. The reader is referred to the first issue of the 1968 volume which is in honor of Professor Clark and contains "My Sociological Stewardship, Part I"; appreciative words from students and colleagues; and a listing of Professor Clark's writings.