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My dear Jose [Josie]. -

I feel that I must again express the sympathy I have for you in the loss of dear Aunt Mary, and my regret at knowing that the last of my mother's people has passed into the Beyond. Our loved ones never grow so old or infirm, but that the separation from them gives us pain, and knowing what

she and you have been to each other I can imagine how sad it has been for you. I think of poor Ed so often and how he will miss her. What a devoted son he has been.

Then I think again of that reunion on the other shore. Don't you know it was a happy one with husband, sisters, and the other loved ones gone before?

While I have seen nothing of Aunt Mary for many years I loved her dearly. What an admirable character she was, and what a heritage to those she left behind is the memory of her noble unselfish life. When you can write me of her illness and death, where the services were held etc.

I hope Carl has gotten entirely well. I know from experience, however, that it takes a good while to recover entirely from Influenza. I had it three weeks ago and am not strong yet. Before closing I must tell you how pretty my beads are and how much I appreciate them. All join me in love.

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Cousin Josie