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My Dear Deane;

I am greatly pained to hear of your dear mother's death. I lost my own mother when I was five years old, but my stepmother is still living and she is very dear to me. My father still lives, past 77. Perhaps, therefore, I cannot feel the deep sympathy of experience, but I know how strong the parental ties are, and I think I can feel the keenness of the shock of the final separation. As I grow older I am coming more and more into a spirit of resignation, and a desire to dwell so much upon the sweetness of mem-

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ory as upon the bitterness of sorrow.
Your mother's memory will be your
solace now, and how rich a
memory it will be! I know that
the great old house will seem bare
and cheerless, but it will be your
constant reminder of one whom you
loved. Be sure, my dear friend,
that I feel for you.

No matter about the express.
The plants I retained are worth
more than that, even if I desired
to count the pennies.

I wrote to Mr. Leek for another
copy of the report & could not get
it; so I persuaded a friend
that he did not want his. It
is in better hands now!

The sweet and golden spring-
time is upon us. Every plant and
bird drops a cheery note, and
the cool fragrant winds kiss the
tall soft grass in which I love
to lie. Next to love and
friendship, this quiet sympathy
with nature is the greatest
blessing which man can enjoy.
I sit on the cool banks with
the violets and trilliums and
am richer than Croesus.

Yours most truly,

J. W. Bailey



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