

Christina Cove, Me.

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Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my thanks for the sympathy expressed in your letter. It is a severe blow that I have received, and life can never again be what it was before such brightness was taken from it, yet I have much to be thankful for. First, that I had my dear son for thirty eight years, and from his very babyhood, he was the light of our home, as he was of every house that he made his home. And farther, that he had lived an unspotted life, and made himself an

honorable name in his profession. I was with him in his last days which is of unspeakable comfort to me, and the dear little baby who already knows the sunny, sweet disposition of her father, seems to continue his existence, — he is not quite gone. I look forward to meeting him again, but for all that the grave has its victory now, and death its sting.

I am in this quiet place with my sister-in-law, Mrs. Tallant, for the summer, and when I go home I shall take up

my usual work, outwardly the same, as ever. I can be resigned, I even see, though dimly now, that God knew best, but I cannot yet triumph over my grief.

I have often thought that if there is an enviable possession in this world, it is a large and happy family of brothers and sisters; I hope your circle may long be unbroken.

With my regards and thanks to Mrs. Deane as well as to yourself,
Your grateful and sorrowing friend
Maria L. Owen.



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