

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> Friday

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Dearest Child

You are quite right, these smaller things are the more trying, & indeed it is hard for aunt F. - who so rarely blames out - & who wd so have enjoyed having all the blaming thoughts about her - But - L & E. wd not have gone, respect for their own father alone wd prevent it. I imagine what he wd have said - I have always felt to Mrs. Holson as if she ever father's mother & she always behaved like it too - I felt badly about Lois not being there <sup>to day</sup> - but - unfortunately both B. & A. were out of town - he said he wd do his best - even if he only ran up for half an hour, he quite felt he sh<sup>d</sup> be there. <sup>being</sup>

I went - up with Mrs. Lewis there were more people present than I had thought to have



been collected - mainly men  
of course - but Mrs Benson  
like a shadow of a man, &  
deeply affected, read a num-  
ber of beautiful passages in  
a tender sympathetic way. &  
said a few things of her own  
in a quite nice way - but  
then he seemed to forget us  
all & began to pray like a  
hermit - meditating on life &  
our needs & how glad we were  
that she had reached the heaven  
where she w<sup>d</sup> be etc. - - - Finally  
after what seemed a long long  
time - he began "our Father"  
all joined in saying it &  
the dear lady death turrets  
& sprays & marigolds of pure  
white flowers piled upon  
the coffin, was borne out -  
the house suddenly felt  
empty, & lonely. I deserted &  
I was glad when Mrs Miller  
& Mrs Benson left the room.  
I retired to the library - I left  
us free to walk out - Miss  
Cardner was the only one  
who thought of or for anyone  
she came & shook hands at  
the door =



I hear that Mr. T. Mason &  
Mr. E. Archbold - are the executors  
I wondered if the rings were  
left on - I did not take a  
last-look - she was so chan-  
ged when I saw her Friday  
I felt - she was gone then, &  
we have her bright-remem-  
brance to cherish.

Tell Lois & Eva with  
my dear love that I am so  
glad they did the right-  
thing - We must have time  
to die in - ~~But~~ it was  
very unfortunate, very in-  
deed, & hard for you all.  
& if it had been any one  
but Aunt - J - it - we have  
seemed better - ~~well~~ had  
difficult - it is to see justly  
but we cannot arrange  
these matters - & it is  
never absurd, to consider  
obligations, & show one's  
grateful remembrance  
for the great kindness the  
dear lady always showed  
to us - I fear I have neglected  
will lately - in writing I really  
cd not have done more than I did  
love to him also



I will try & write to-  
morrow. In Monday I shall  
have to go & receive Silveias  
calvin & pay the extra cash  
& I am finding things quite  
difficult - neither <sup>my</sup> ~~will~~  
sell money coming in but  
I will work it out one  
way or another. Paying  
the Coal wh. I have ~~not~~  
had to since father died,  
has been a pull &

Much love ---

Mother &

