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Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1928.

Death of  
Marion age 85

My very dear Auntie

You will be very pleased to hear that D. S. beyond his teacher you I am back again to Edinburgh I am going to board with a No. 7 his wife whom I love very much at the West End the address of J. R. Rendall 1. Colton Crescent Edinburgh I will try this for a time & see how I like it before thinking of furnishing & a certain amount of furniture. I have been unable to think of any one at this festive season. My pasting has been so serious & taken up all my time I purpose leaving on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Dear Aunt Marion passed away very peacefully on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> aged 85. I was the last relative who saw her. I spent the afternoon & evening with her the very end of Dec<sup>r</sup>. She was wonderfully well at her advanced age asked to pray for every one. She had every calm & comfort.

residing with her only son, who had just been  
married in June <sup>she</sup> has most attentive to Auntie  
assisted by a trained nurse the last few weeks. I  
have also been to see Aunt Jessie who resides with her  
two daughters at Colney a suburb of London they have  
an exceedingly nice house all lighted by electricity  
she is remarkably well & she looks so nice - more like  
70 than 80 travelled alone to Scotland during the  
summer which I think most wonderful for an old  
lady like her, she wishes her love sent to every one  
I can scarcely realize I am so soon to be among them  
all again. They tell me I am to get a very hearty welcome  
on arrival. How are you & dear Thelma? Hoping I should  
dearly love to see you both again which I fear will  
not take place on earth. All the members of our  
family are quite well when I last heard. Norman  
Pump growing up a fine manly boy nearly 4 inches  
taller than his father. Arthur & dear Alice going  
on steadily at the University. This is Arthur's third  
year. I can scarcely realize that I am to be  
back so soon to dear home once more. I cannot

Think of the past year & a half without hoping  
blessing may come out of it all. My day has been  
opened up for my return in a wonderful way &  
especially the home I am to be in. I could not  
desire a more central or desirable spot than where  
I am to be. So near the meetings & close to the West  
end of Princess Street. Marion Gray's husband  
was found dead in bed about a fortnight before  
Auntie passed away she has five <sup>children</sup> 3 daughters & 2  
sons. but she is very well left & he I believe was  
ready for the sudden call he got. it is a very  
great blank in the home I need not say. Their eldest  
son sailed a fortnight ago for Australia which  
she feels most deeply for she thought he would  
be a great comfort to her. he had long wished to  
go abroad so she did not like to stand in the way  
of his getting on. I can think of nothing further  
to tell you my love to Anne all the other members  
of your family when you write & much love & all  
good wishes for yourself & Uncle

Your loving niece  
Lina

When you write tell me how you like dear  
Ethel's photo. She has a lovely home in Gorge Square  
& a most loving & devoted husband. They seem  
so happy. But her dear Mother misses her very  
much indeed. They are all well I am to be with  
them for Xmas

L.P.