

was in & they at times contributed much both financially  
& in cheering him up.

I would feel a lot better about it all if they  
had only let me know about it - not find it out for  
myself. He passed away on the 19<sup>th</sup> & I would not  
know it now if a sudden knock had not directed  
me to his place. Even his family had left & gone  
back to Chicago to stay with a relative. When I drove  
back into Chicago & went to the relative I found out that  
the body had been cremated & the family had gone back  
to Pennsylvania where they originated.

In my share in bringing happiness to the youngsters  
I hold no regrets tho' I do feel his family treated  
me a bit shabbily. They, however, did not treat the doves  
to the museum shabbily because I probably only because  
they were not informed of it. I kept all knowledge of  
it from them - lest they let it leak out to the boy.

I now must follow my promise made to every  
donor - write to ascertain their wishes regarding its  
disposal - or at least their share of it. It will not be  
necessary to write to some since their letters acquainting  
me with the fact they were sending something also told  
me to do with their gift whatever I saw fit. But to  
the rest I must write.

I have a touch of neuritis in my arm  
so will wait until that leaves - however, I wanted to  
write you in order to forestall your sending the  
pictures if you haven't already done so.

In all honesty may I say that if you have sent  
them & they are on the way - that I would very much  
like to keep them if I may. I feel that way about all  
the pictures that have been sent & there are quite a number  
all autographed. The more there are quite a number