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Dear Charlie:

I took the flowers out to Julia's grave where I find that the wreath or spray is still in good condition.

There have been a great many deaths here. The other day we had nine death notices in one day--the largest number, I think, that we have ever carried.

I remembered that yesterday marked the end of the first three months since her departure. I miss her a lot--perhaps more than you would think, and yet knowing what she had gone thru in recent years, my only regret is that her health might not have been different so that she could have been with us and would have enjoyed life, but we would not wish to have her continue the months of pain and suffering. When I looked at her fingers and saw how the joints were out of shape, I realized that it must have been the result of a great deal of pain and suffering.

I think it is a fine thing that you are so busy that you just simply have to go ahead, and I know from experience that time is a great healer of wounds.

Me is trying to dispose of Etoile's property in Macedonia, but we do not expect it to bring much--probably not more than half the amount she had put out in taxes since the death of Dr. Gowdy. I can see how disappointing the last years of Etoile's life were. She had been active for a number of years and had bought and sold some property and had speculated some in stocks. While these activities had not brought her in any profits toward the last, they at least kept her more or less busy and then to drop out and simply live in the hope that something would turn up and that there would be some development in the apartments which might bring her something, was to say the least, disheartening. For many years I had urged her to come and spend some time with us, but could not get her to do so, and when finally I did bring her home, I think she was quite happy for the time she was here.