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Mrs. Clara Gregg
Montrose, California

Dear Cousin:

We received your Christmas greeting and thank you for it.

The past year was saddened for us by the death of Etoile on March 2nd, and by the death of Julia on October 27th. Although Julia had been in bad health and had largely been confined to her bed for about fourteen months, her passing was a great shock to all of us. She had been a wonderful sister and a wonderful individual who had probably done more for others many times over than any other member of our family. During the years she was connected with Marshall Field's retail store, scores of girls were saved thru Julia's kindly and helpful influence. She seemed surcharged with energy and her desire to help others was sometimes carried so far as to almost be a fault. I never saw anyone look more beautiful in their casket than she. The weight of years seemed to have passed away and she looked like she did when she was half her age.

While we don't like many things in connection with our national administration, we have done our best to support our government in every way that we can and have had a big part in putting over all the local and state drives whether for scrap, bonds, United War Fund, or what not.

I hear from Lillian frequently. She is in bad health and I tell her to write but a few lines in order to save her the pain of doing more.

Kathryne Drought, daughter of cousin Callie Potts, is one of the bravest souls I have known. She has a splendid mind and a very sane view of life and of politics. I am always glad to hear from her.

With love to you and yours, and best wishes for the Year of 1944, I am

As ever

Your Cousin