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Colonel and Mrs. Adna G. Clarke
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Dear Adna and Jane:

I appreciate your sincere letter of sympathy of the 29th. Gertrude was fond of you and always enjoyed having you with us.

As the years come on, we find it harder to attune our lives to that of the youngsters, and as much as you love your grandson, some adjustment will be required. In the long run, he may prove to be a real blessing to you. I had assumed very great responsibilities at that time. As a matter of fact, when I was 11 I virtually took entire charge of our western Kansas ranch, and while my judgement, undoubtedly, was not good, it was all I had to go on and I did the best I could.

I don't know that you recall my mother, but she was a splendid woman left a widow when she was 41 with five children; and while we went through hardships, she saw that we had an education and were prepared to meet life as we found it.

Please take as good care of yourselves as you can; and if the grandson has not already learned to help, teach him to assume responsibility as it will be far better for him in the long run.

My mother lived to be 85 and Gertrude's mother lived to be 95. I sincerely hope that science will be able to find a more successful way to deal with and overcome cancer.

Thank you for your interest and love.

Cordially, your friend