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Mrs. Vera Brady Shipman,
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Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Vera:

I sincerely hope that you are rapidly recovering from your physical ailments and that you are still continuing the splendid control of yourself that you exhibited here.

Death seems dreadfully hard when it comes to our loved ones, but we have to remember that every birth means one more death and as we rejoice in the arrival of the little ones we must realize that at some time or another, soon or late, we or others will be sorrowing over their departure. It is the old, old tragedy and every parent and grandparent we have had from now until the dawn of time has had to go through the Valley of the Shadow. You are young and have the prospect before you of many fruitful years. I hope they may be happy years for you, Mary Jule and for all of those who love you.

I received this morning a letter from O. W. Little, secretary of the Kansas Press Association, which I send to you. Billy Smith of the Mercury, I think, faces hard competition in Cora G. Lewis, formerly a member of the Board of Administration. In a recent conversation with Mrs. Lewis she told me that Smith had been cutting rates and the prices she named were so low that he cannot possibly make money. Garden City is a good town. I do not know so much about Oberlin. Bert Barnd I think has done quite well with the Ness County News in spite of the fact that he is usually soused. By turning to the newspaper directory you can locate these towns and find out something about them.

Lots of love to you and to Julia and Charley.

Your loving uncle,