

Houston Memm. Feb 26-45.

Dear Alfred and Edith and Robert

I do not know what to say to express what I feel for all you children in losing your mother am sure it seems almost more than you can bear. if I only could do or say anything to help you but we can do nothing only sympathize with one and another. and if ever so hard we know it was Gods will she was taken and her duty was done and we know all is well with her. how I wish my life had been spent in such usefull ~~and~~ selfish way as hers has been. I am thankfull for having ^{had} her for my best friend so long and you I am sure feel that you can thank the Lord for having such a good mother. When we were together this last time she was so contented every one of her folks was so good to her and she had nothing but praise to say about all of you. I will never forget how happy she seemed to be and we should meet again this summer. -

But-God had bigger plans. For her
she has reached the beautiful shore
and now it is for us to make it a
point to meet her there. I have
so many of good friends and my nearest-
relation on the other side that I some time
wonder if my time don't come next
but we don't know when. which is
a good thing. I am especially sorry
for Amanda wish I was so near
I could go and see her. I had a letter
from Amanda the day I got the telegram and
she was so happy about her mother coming
down again in April. it's harder to take those
things when as young as she is. but it's good
there is so many of you. I know you all feel
as heart broken as anyone can but still
one can sympathize with one and another

I was not able to come out to the funeral train
was hours late on account of snow storm in Wisc.
and I felt so helpless and weak I didn't dare to start
out I thought I might get sick. out there
tell Oscar and Emily I am so sorry for them and you
all. so it will be all I can say to any of you as I
am so heart broken. I just can't do any thing but cry. Love Olivia
Olivia

Johnson (?)