

San Marcos, Tex.
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Dear Julia:-

Was so glad to have your letter and have the good news about Ed's improvement, hope it continues, sorry however to know Vada & Rose have flu hope its in a light form, glad too that Virginia is better. I have heard of no flu here but I hear very little of what goes on as I am so close home all the time. Gal went to San Antonio last Sunday expects to be gone a week, I see so little of her of course I have gotten used to it, as long as she is well I don't worry. Yesterday was plain hot and to day I have had fire, the weather is a lot like people, it is so changeable. Julia, I don't know a great deal about Oliver's trouble, but she hasn't had an easy life, she & her husband separated, they had a school and he was away a good deal drumming up scholars it was as I understood a business course, I heard he fell for another woman and that separated them, to him continued to teach until she had a slight stroke and never fully recovered, her left arm is useless and her speech is also affected, however she walks all right. Keep this to your self I don't want it to go further, I am always so sorry for a woman that is treated that way. Glad you are close to a church and can go, if I was able to go I would attend the Presbyterian that is very close to me, that's my choice any way after the Methodist.

Julia, after reading your letter I remembered that

you had some of the family record, and much more than I fixed for Laura or Reg. Clayton Malone and wife came by to see me yesterday, had been to Denton Texas to see his son & wife they have a baby. Clayton's health is not good, his wife is much younger but very sweet and lovable, their little daughter is in Austin attending the University, I think she finishes this year. Yes Julia, I certainly remember our visit to Sequim and often think of it, we had no cares or worries then but I have had my share since, however, my married life was very happy, but the way since then has been long and rugged, but I am very very thankful to day for my blessings, much better than I deserve I am sure.

Julia, I too think we are very much alike, you are very dear to me and your letters mean more to me than any I receive except my childrens, so please, please do keep our writing I need your love. Am expecting my daughter Mildred & husband from Oregon this week end I am feeling wretched and afraid I will get little out of it as it is only for a night & day. Guess Lillian & Paul will be here too Friday for the day. Glad you keep well and keep on going make most of your good health, when lost you rarely find it again. - Hope you can read this and excuse all errors.

Love & love to you & yours
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