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2075 York St.  
Boston

Wednesday  
March 18-1953

Dear Fay,

You have been in my thoughts and prayers ever since I heard of Madge's passing - I know how much you will miss her in your home life, and I feel deeply sympathetic, knowing so well how grieved you feel at this separation - It is hard to give up our loved ones, even though we know it is God's plan and that her life will be more beautiful and peaceful in His Heavenly home - I regret I was not able to be with you for her funeral but I was in bed with pneumonia



at the time and have been  
in bad shape ever since,  
having followed the flu with  
a severe lumbago - which  
was terrific pain - I never had  
it before, and I never had flu  
before, so I thought the combination  
was terrific - this week has  
been my first time out  
and I don't think I feel  
up to par yet.

Please know that these afflictions  
were the only reasons for my  
not being with you; I just  
couldn't budge. Sara Gardner  
told me that you also had  
an attack of flu - I sincerely  
hope you have recovered now.



When I met Madge at Lena and Kyle's wedding we were room-mates and had some lovely visits together afterwards for many years, also we were bridesmaids at Irene Wheat's wedding in Gaffney — such memories!! I recall the houseparty Madge gave for all of us & Kyle's bride! Years, yes ages ago, but memories as fresh as if yesterday — my first introduction to Shelby, and I sang a solo in the Baptist Choir — never realizing that in the congregation was my future husband and name! Later, I visited Madge in Greenville S.C. when I was singing there!



She was the first to come to see me when Fannie took me to live in Belvedere -

You just can't imagine how much I love thought of Mudge all these years, and of how I have valued those days of our friendships, when we were not so rushed, and we could visit back and forth -

She was so full of vivaciousness so animated and made every one feel so happy in her congenial way - it is too bad that her health failed in recent years - because she meant so much to us all, and could give out so much too.

You have had your share of



sorrows, and you have been so  
brave through it all. However,  
as the ranks grow thinner  
and our circles are continually  
breaking, it begins to be  
very difficult to carry  
on. I know words are most  
inadequate, but I am so  
sorry that the shadow has  
fallen again on your pathway.

Please know that my heart  
joins yours in deepest sympathy  
and dearest love —

Devotedly  
Marie Torrence Lattimore

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