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Dear Elizabeth and Bill,
I should have written you long ago
to thank you for your letters
- of the 8 and 28 Dec - properly,
but you will surely realize that
this has been very difficult. I
was deeply touched by the beauti-
ful thoughts with which you
honored my beloved Ann's
memory, and I wish I could
express my thankfulness in a
worthy manner. I am still under
a shock - Ann's passing away
seemed so unnecessary and
meaningless. I fully realize
that death is - as you have
written - literally, utterly forever.
But nevertheless it is very
difficult to get reconciled with.

There is so much for which
I have to thank Annie, and
I can only hope that my
feelings of deep gratitude for
all the love she has given
me will ~~do~~ suppress the
acute pain and bitterness I
now feel, as time moves on.

Dear Elizabeth and Bill, please
forgive me for writing the
above - I will not do this
again, but my heart is weary.
I am thankful for having my
large family - which still may
have some use for me, - and
I am also thankful for the
work I still have in hand.

Now I wish you all that
is good

Affectionately
Yours