

3 Bruntsfield Gardens, Edinburgh

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Dear Miss Flora

Ever since your father died it has been in my mind to write & tell you how much I sympathised with you. I shall never forget the beautiful letter you wrote me when my brother Lauchlan died, & yet you never knew him & never saw him. I did appreciate it, & I just wish I could write you in return a letter as full of kind sympathy as yours was.

It will soon be a year since your father died & I would like to send you all my kindest thoughts & sympathy at this sad time. This past year must have been a very sad one for all of you & you must still miss him badly, especially your mother. I wrote her & Louisa & Gabriela as soon as I heard the news. I have not heard from them since, & now I am wearying to get news of you all again. I do hope you are all quite well & that you yourself are much stronger now. I hope your husband & your children are all quite well.

I know Pepito is studying law & I suppose the two younger ones are still at school. I read in one of our newspapers not long ago that English is now a compulsory subject in the Chilean schools, so I am sure your children will know it very well. I wonder if you hear from Miss Jenny sometimes? She came to see me last autumn & told me she was going again to South America, this time to Bogota. I have not heard from her since then so I don't know how she is getting on, but she was fortunate in getting a post, for there are so many governesses & teachers in this country who can get no work. Everyone is hoping that the Economic Conference will put things right & give a move on to business & set money circulating again. I myself have been very fortunate, for I have never been without work, though I do very little teaching now. I don't go to any school now. I just give private lessons, which is very much easier.

Gabriela told me that she had a little baby girl just four days after your father's death. I hope they are quite well, also all the other little ones. As I mean to write Louisa & Gabriela very soon I am not-

sending them any special message except my love.

When do you intend to come to Europe again?

I wish you could spend some time in Scotland next time you come. We are having a very fine summer just now, warm & sunny, & the whole country is lovely with its fresh green leaves & grass. My sister Jessie has got a motor car now & we go long drives into the country. She is & always will be lame, so a car is a great boon to her.

She has got two boys. The elder one is 21 & is studying Law, the second one is 17 & is still at school, but if he gets through his Higher Leaving Exam he will be finished with school this summer & is to go into an Insurance Office. It is a problem to find & choose a suitable career for boys just now, for even the Offices have very few vacancies.

Give my kind remembrances to your mother & all the other members of your family, & with kindest regards to yourself, & hoping to get a letter from some of you very soon,

yours very sincerely
M. Rose