

May 25, 1934

To the family of William W. Hunter,  
American Fork, Utah.

My dear friends:-

On account of having previously promised to be in Cedar City on Sunday to dedicate the Cedar First Ward chapel, I am unable to attend the funeral services of your husband and father.

I feel in my heart a deep debt of gratitude for the fine treatment my widowed mother and I received at the hands of Bishop Edward Hunter. His children and I played together, as we were next door neighbors, and very pleasant relations existed between us.

My heart goes out in deep sympathy to you all at this time of sorrow, and I earnestly pray that the Lord may be with you and comfort your hearts, and that you may know that the separation from your beloved husband and father is but a temporary one. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only source of comfort when death enters the family circle and takes therefrom a beloved member, as it is in the Gospel alone that we have hope of the resurrection and of a happy reunion with our loved ones in the life to come. I do not think of the members of my family who have died as being in the grave, but I do have joy in contemplating their happiness in having gained eternal life.

Many years ago I wrote a letter of sympathy to Brother and Sister Winters (Brother Winters is my wife's brother) in which I tell of the goodness of the Lord to me when sorrows have been my portion. I am sending you copies of the letter with the sincere prayer that you may be blessed with the same sweet spirit that came to me at such times.

Sister Grant and I do not send flowers to our friends when they are in sorrow, but instead we send books as an expression of sympathy, as they last longer. I am sending some books to you and hope you will find words of consolation in them.

Praying the Lord to bless you and comfort your hearts, I am,

Sincerely your friend and brother,

