Grimsby, June 5th

My Dear Coz's. Emma & Lodie.

It is with deep sorrow & regret, that the news of the death, of our dear old friend, the Judge, comes to us. We had seen a short notice in our daily. Then Dr. Y. Woolverton sent us a New York paper. yet I waited to be more sure, as sometimes rumors from the press, are not reliable, but a paper received yesterday, our doubt, was by you or your elder, was received by us, which makes the sad news only too true, You both have our sincere sympathy, & we mourn with you. May God in his wisdom & Infinite love, give you strength to bear the burden. Emma had written me weeks ago, & then Lodie's

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letter later on, all assured us the end was approaching, so that we were not entirely unprepared, when news reached us. many, many times have we expressed the hope that we might again have him for a visitor as of old. but, not so. We are wondering what are your plans for the future; if you will now return to Ashtabula to make a home for the future; if so. I hope you will make it convenient to visit us early on your arrival. All our family are quite well now. Though I was confined to the house for two months this Spring with illness. Edgar. Celia. & Norman are still in Cal. Edgar & Celia will return the last of this month. & Norman later. Aunt Eliza's health is very much the same as a year ago. Ernest returns to America this Summer, & has accepted a position in Winnipeg College of Music. duties to begin the 1st of Sept. The last news from Toronto cousins all were well excepting Maria, who was quite ill all winter, but better when she wrote me two weeks ago. We have had a very cold May. which is retarding vegetation, but all the same everything is looking lovely & green. & the fruit blossoms & early flowers are beautiful in habiliments with it. With our best love to you both. I am as ever Your sincere Cousin

Julia