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Brighton Beach.
1st Ward.
Feb. 5th 1906.

My dear Mrs. Tongue,

Ever since I saw in the papers last year that your dear husband and my own loved friend had passed on to the higher life, I have wanted to write to you, and express my sympathy as best I could, words seem to have little meaning at such a time,

Last week I received a letter from Sara Tracy giving me your address.

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Knowing as I do how unusually happy your married life has been, I think I can understand something of what the utter desolation must be.

You have much to be thankful for that you can look back on Judge Tongue's whole life as being one of usefulness & honor.

Sara wrote me that your daughter was with you, and of course is a great comfort.

My eldest daughter, Allie is in New York. this is the third year she has been there with my brother-in-law, Mr. Newman. My sister died very suddenly, they had never had any family, my brother George's health was failing and he went to stay with Mr. Newman and wrote for Allie to go and spend the winter with them. as soon as Allie reached there she wrote urging me to go right in, as George was failing so rapidly.

I had three weeks with my brother and then he left us, I am now the only one of the family left.

Allie's address is 7 East 124th St. if you ~~can~~ go to New York while she is there she would be much pleased to entertain you, she

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remembers playing with your daughter.

We have bought a home here in the suburbs of Seattle, we have three boys all in business in Seattle. Our youngest daughter 20 years old is at home.

Two of the boys are married, one has two children, the other is expecting one next month, so our family increases.

Mr. Heckenly had charge of the State Agricultural Experiment Station for several years, but we have come to make this our future home. it is a delightful country.

Please give my love to your daughter, for I remember her if she does not remember me, and loved

Sympathy for yourself. Your friend Ellen S. Heckenly.

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