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P.M. St Louis  
May 5, 1922

Gaïlle de Nager

Dear Doctor Duggar

My heart goes out to  
you in your grief. I  
wish I could find words  
to express all the emotioning  
thoughts which fill my  
mind. They will come to  
you too, with time, but

right now, I know you  
must be left so sad  
and tired to keep up  
the long hard fight you  
have made against grief  
and discouragement. Every  
one who knows you has  
appreciated your courage  
and cheerfulness through this  
awful ordeal. Mary's death  
is tragic and oh so sad!  
for those she left but

all who saw the beautiful, full  
life she lived must feel sure that  
she has only gone on to better  
things. She was one of those persons, so rare,  
who renewed faith and strengthened  
understanding in that precious word  
She Said - I do so hope you and all  
her dear ones can believe with me  
that she is with you always in the  
spirit. It helps me so!

Julius and I would so love to do  
anything we can to help. It would  
be such a pleasure if we could keep  
the boy and the baby until things  
straightened out

With deepest sympathy sincerely  
Sarah Chauncey Park

Friday

My dear Mr. Duggan. -

During these long sad weeks, which have just passed for you. - I have had you & Mrs. Duggan daily in my thoughts & prayers.

There were many things in Mrs. Duggan's long illness like what we passed through a year ago in Dannie's case.

Therefore Dr. Keeble has walked very freely to see & I have had a truly deep

Sympathy & kind  
understanding, & I  
cannot feel I am as  
much of a stranger to  
you as all our plans  
might seem. - Last  
year, in my own bitter  
sorrow I learned to know  
& appreciate the measureless  
help human love &  
sympathy can be. -  
Therefore I hope now I  
may give you some help  
when life seems to press

I sorrow, & bitterness to  
you, in telling you how  
fully I understand &  
sympathize with you. -

Yours most sincerely

Paula Halla Ruelle.

May 5<sup>th</sup> / 1922

P.M. May 5, 1902  
4564 Page.  
St. Louis Mo

My dear Dr Duggar;

I wish to express  
my sincere sympathy to  
you and your family  
in this time of your  
sorrow. I know that  
no word of mine can  
bring comfort; time alone  
helps us to forget the  
pains of loss in some  
slight measure, and  
to recall the hours  
of loving intercourse  
with our dear ones.  
So I will only say  
that I have walked

more than once in  
the sorrowful valley  
and I can feel I  
deeply with you who  
are now passing  
through it. Your dear  
wife and mother is  
not dead but sleeping;  
God be with you.  
My father & Mr & Mrs  
Hicklin join with  
me in sympathy

Your former pupil  
Mary A Cochel

I will not be able to  
attend the funeral on  
account of sickness in our  
family. But will endeavor  
to see you and your  
children in the near future.

*Depest sympathy*

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lebering Whittemore

T. H. S. L. S.  
May 7, 1922

6428 Forsythe Road

5232 Menawa Av  
St Louis

Sndy May 7/22

My dear Dr. Duggen.

You have my  
sincere sympathy in your  
great loss. Having passed thro  
the same experience, I know  
what it is, and as time passes  
on the loss will be still more  
evident. There is only one consolation  
we shall meet again in those

Heavenly Mansions, which Jesus  
told us abt, and of which he said  
"If it were not so I would have  
told you" When Mrs L. passed  
away she left me with three boys  
who are a blessing to my life. I  
pray that your children raised up  
by such a mother may be a  
great blessing to you.

Yours in tender sympathy  
Wm C. Fairbank

Heartfelt sympathy  
from

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Sachs  
97 Arundel Place

Feb. 1924

St. Louis May 8-12

My Dear Dr. Duggan

I cannot tell you how shocked and grieved we were to learn of the death of your dear wife. Our hearts bleed for you and your dear children.

Words mean so little and fail us when they ought to mean so much but I know that you will feel that our deepest sympathy is with you.

It was only a short while ago I inquired for both you and Mrs. Duggan and I had hoped we might meet again and resume the pleasant acquaintance and meetings.

Very Sincerely

Wm. E. Perkins

PERKINS HALL

Dear Uncle Ben —

F.M. Cleveland May 1922

Just a little letter.  
There is so little ~~and~~ I can  
say and nothing I can do.  
But Pros and I are thinking  
of you and our heart aches  
for you over this terrible  
tragedy that has come to you.  
It is hard for all the family  
but doubly hard for you  
and I do want you to know  
we are sympathizing with  
you and if there is any  
way in which we can help

you at any time we want  
you to call on us.

I never will forget my happy  
visit with you and Aunt Maria  
in Ithaca. It is one of the  
pleasant memories in my  
life and it always left a  
very warm spot in my heart  
for you.

Our love and deepest  
sympathy.

Affectionately -

Louisa.

May - 8<sup>th</sup>  
2414 Woodwell St.

Heartfelt Sympathy

MR. EDWARD MALLINCRODT, JR.

7 N. May 31st 22  
St Louis

16 WESTMORELAND PLACE

Columbia, Mo

May 9 '22

Dear Duggar:-

We were terribly shocked Saturday to learn of Mrs Duggar's death, having heard nothing of her illness until that time. When the word thus goes to pieces for one of us there is very little another can say that does any real

Only I do think that we must save  
how hope that it is not all over  
here and now.

Mrs Curtis and I send our  
love and sympathy to all of you  
and shall hope to see you in  
Columbia soon

Yours,

W. C. Curtis

good. Mrs Curtis and  
hope that the practical  
problems with which  
you are confronted at  
home will not be un-  
surmountable and that  
you will be able to  
work out some sort  
of a livable basis.

For the rest of it,  
those of us who have  
lost the very definite  
beliefs of our fathers &  
can only hope must  
face the facts like men.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
SAINT LOUIS

OFFICE OF  
THE CHANCELLOR



May 9, 1922.

Professor Benjamin M. Duggar,  
Missouri Botanical Garden,  
St. Louis.

Dear Dr. Duggar:

While words are almost futile in time of deep sorrow, yet I cannot refrain from expressing to you the heartfelt sympathy of Mrs. Hall and myself in the affliction through which you are passing. Mrs. Duggar was beloved by all who knew her, for she carried with her everywhere cheer and courage. In these days of her suffering I have heard several refer to her as having brought comfort to them when things looked dark. You must have the consciousness of many sympathetic friends in these days of your trouble.

Sincerely yours,

*Frederic A. Hall*  
Chancellor.

O.H. 10<sup>th</sup> May  
1922

Dear Duggar —

Just one word of  
heartfelt condolence. It  
was not until late on  
the day before yesterday  
that I learned of your  
terrible loss when Moore  
and Grave were speaking  
about it at the meeting  
of the Graduate Board.  
You will now understand  
why I did not approach  
you before with any  
sign of sympathy. The

shock to me was all the greater as I had not any reason to think of your wife's illness as being of a very grave nature. I want to come and see you soon, not in order to comply with a formality but because of interest in your plans for your children. As for yourself: I know, of course, that you will go on with your work

— you have that and your children—so much more than many save out of such a cataclysm as has befallen you.

Please regard me as your friend, in this crisis of your life. There may be nothing I can do for you, now or at any time. Yet my readiness to do anything I can may possibly bring you a moment's comfort.

Very sincerely

Otto Heller

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DR B M DUGGAR

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS STLOUIS MO

WORD OF YOUR GREAT SORROW HAS JUST REACHED US AND I HASTEN TO SEND OUR  
PROFOUND SYMPATHY WE SO WISH WE MIGHT DO SOMETHING TO HELP YOU AND OUR  
DEAREST WISH IS THAT YOU WILL CALL ON US IF AND WHEN THERE IS ANYTHING  
WE CAN DO

SCHRAMM

Ph. Columbia, Mo.  
May 12, 1922

My Dear Bugga,

We are simply heart-  
broken, and no words can  
possibly tell you how  
deep is the sympathy we  
feel for you and the  
children. After your  
letter, we had been so  
hopeful of Marie's recov-  
ery, and when the terrible  
news came, it was crush-  
ing. You have been in our

thoughts every hour since,  
and I wish I could say  
how we long to do something  
to help you. We love  
Marie so dearly that  
our own sorrow is devastat-  
ing, but we can think  
now of only you and  
the children. Good God,  
how cruel it is! I  
cannot realize it at all.  
It seems like some hideous  
nightmare. Is there any-

thing on earth that we could do?  
If there should be, please  
tell us and let us help in  
any way that is possible.

I know there can be no real  
help, but couldn't you come  
to us for a while and rest?  
You must take care of yourself  
for the children's sake, and  
after these months of anxiety  
you must need rest.

With deep affection and tender-  
est sympathy from us both,

Ever faithfully,

Ernest Ingersoll

May 11, 1922.

P. M. May 11, 1902  
Carmel Club  
Arts and Crafts  
Carmel-by-the-Sea  
California

Mr Benjamin Huggar  
and Family.

St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Friends -

I have been authorized  
as Secretary of the Arts and  
Crafts Club of Carmel  
to express the heart-felt  
sympathy of its members  
to you and your children  
in the sad bereavement  
which has come to you.  
We feel it is our loss as  
well as we loved Mrs  
Huggar very much.

Sincerely M. M. Keale Morgan.  
Secretary.

Columbia - 5-30-22

My dear Dr. Huggar:

I just want you to know  
of my deep sympathy for  
you and your family.

Most Sincerely

Caroline S. Brankman

906 Conley Ave.  
Columbia - Mo.

Dear Dr. Duggan:

Please accept my  
profound sympathy in your  
great bereavement. I was at  
the services in Hortense Place  
and regretted so much I could  
do nothing to let you know  
how deeply both Mrs. Anthony  
and I feel for & with you.  
But I am sure the wonderful  
personality and beautiful char-  
acter of Mrs. Duggan will

be an inspiration to you  
now and will give you  
the courage to go on with  
the duties of life. Your  
children have doubts about  
forgetting us but please give  
them our love anyway.

Sincerely  
John H. Ambrose

May 17 - 1922

3414 Kennebunk Pt.  
May 31 1922

Dearest Ben:-

Just a line  
to enclose Nancy's letter & to  
tell you that we are all as  
usual. The children are as  
dear as ever & as busy &  
happy - the day is long. George  
fell out of bed last night &  
had quite a scare but  
he was home about it & I  
soon had it stopped & this  
morning he said he felt  
fine. Priscilla is still in  
bed this being the end of the  
thirteenth week. She is slowly  
getting better & has several  
days at a time when she has

no time for me, the grief  
has to be kept quiet all she  
should say & she will not  
come whatever has caused  
all this trouble.

Charlie has rented a house  
in the Blue Ridge Mts. in Virginia  
& we expect to go there the first  
of July for the rest of the  
summer & of course the  
kiddies are wild over the  
thought of the change & what  
is what they are going to  
surprise you with. The  
place we are going to is  
only two & one half hours  
by trotty from Washington -  
& we can make it in the  
same length of time - the

Auto. the house is owned  
by a Mrs. Frances Cokerell  
of St. Louis the widow of a former  
Senator from Missouri & it  
is very comfortable & I think  
you will like a few weeks  
of out door life with no roof  
over you in August.

Charlie was expected to sail  
for Europe the thirteenth of  
this month to be gone six  
weeks. I have written for  
Agnes & her son Jack to go  
to the mountains with me  
& Jack can see the Automobiles  
to it - looks as if all well  
go well if our plans carry.  
Had you heard that Betty's  
daughter Betty was married

the first day of May! There's  
all quite a surprise. She  
sprung it on her maid another  
some after her father had  
left on his trip to Hot Springs.  
There was no reason for the  
trick - except they did not  
want to wait for a big wedding.  
Bobby spent a day with us on  
his way to the springs & a  
day on his way back & much  
joyed being here & spent a  
day & night with us. The first  
time he had ever been in  
our Washington home.

I had a note from Douglas  
this morning & he says  
our little Emil (who he insists  
on calling Marie) has gained  
22 lbs. in two weeks & her cheeks

are plump & now she has  
won all hearts. - my heart  
aches for her but as I can  
not have her now I am  
glad she has her own  
warm little place - East-  
Aurora. I wrote to Maggie  
this morning. I have not  
had one word from Lacie  
or my friend Mrs. Ramey  
so I have no idea what the  
dear child has decided to do.  
I went to her a little dress  
yesterday but I could not find  
Thilly & asked her to see  
what I had - Lacie for I do not  
want her to wear anything  
that does not look well on  
her. Do you know if the

photographs of our precious  
Maie you ever sent? The  
man to be ready & ready by  
express the week after they  
were ordered but I have  
not received mine & I do  
not think the brothers have  
received theirs either. Please  
call the photographer up  
about it.

I am so thankful that  
you & dear Bessie are  
out in the country with  
your dear friends & that  
you will stay with them  
until you have to go to  
hot-Columbia. Maie keeps  
blaming herself for your  
taking the position there this

summer & she feared it would  
be very hot & hard for you. I  
am glad it will only last a few  
weeks.

The children were delighted  
with your letter & the one  
from Ben with its pictures.  
Lathrop took them down  
to the movies yesterday  
afternoon to see Jackie  
Gordon the child actor in  
"Trouble" & they did have a  
good time. It was a holiday  
here.

Please give my love to Dr.  
& Mrs. Van Schenck & tell  
her that I hope to write to  
her when I go to the Blue Ridge  
if I do not get a chance sooner.  
I was sorry he could not come  
out to see us when last-

in Washington. The children will  
run wild this summer &  
have engaged to pick all  
the blackberries I need for  
jelly & wine. From the  
blows it looks as if we  
would have a big crop.  
Charlie & I drove up to  
look over the place last  
Sunday.

With devoted love dear  
to you & Annie.  
Alice.

P.S. I am receiving a  
word of acknowledgement  
for the check from Dr. Wagner  
which I think is strange. I will  
give it, I started out to send you  
a line & have ended by sending  
an epistle.

P.H. St. Louis  
May 8, 1922

GEORGE J. TANSEY  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
1618 BOATMEN'S BANK BLDG.  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Manly

My dear Duggar,

Only last evening did I learn of Mrs. Duggar's death.

I know that words are futile & of little or no consolation in a time of sorrow as great as yours, but I can not refrain from telling you that you have the deepest sympathy of ~~me~~<sup>us</sup>, Tansey & myself.

Sincerely yours,

G. J. Tansey

May 1922

Friday

Dear Dr. Suggs -

Our most  
heartfelt sympathy for  
you & yours.

If there is any way  
in which I can serve  
you please call on me.

Mrs. Wierpel & I  
would be glad to do  
anything in our power to  
help.

Sincerely  
E. Wierpel

574 Chestnut St.

Waban, Mass.

June 3. 1922.

My dear Dr. Duggar:

A recent  
issue of the college paper  
brought me the sad news  
of your loss. It is with  
the deepest sympathy that  
I write you.

If your home atmosphere.  
I grieve for you and the  
dear children, to be without  
her guidance in that home.

Mr. Coghlan joins me  
in this expression of sympathy.

Cordially yours,

Margaret De Munnitt Coghlan

When a little child, I  
thought Marie's smile well  
worth winning, and when  
I came to know her again  
in St. Louis, I <sup>was</sup> charmed  
afresh each time I saw her.

I have often thought  
of your hospitality to me,  
in letting me share at  
different hours, the delights

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
MONTANA STATE COLLEGE  
BOZEMAN, MONT

June sixth  
1922

Dear Dr. Dugger:

Through Mr. Jennison, I have learned of the great affliction which has come to your home in the death of Mrs. Dugger, and Mrs. Atkinson and myself both desire to extend to you our most sincere sympathy. We remember very pleasantly the happy times which we had at your home and the hospitality extended by yourself and Mrs. Dugger has always been one of the bright spots in our Cornell experience.

Again, let me express to you our most sincere sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

*Alfred C. Hanson*  
President

Dr. B. M. Dugger \*  
Shaw Botanical Gardens  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri

Cambridge Md 6/7/22

Dear Ben

The Photo of Marie  
and little Nancy came today and  
is lovely.

I hasten to enclose my check  
for the amount necessary.

The heat and humidity of the  
past week has about done me  
up.

When in Washington about two  
weeks ago I saw George and  
Nancy and they are both  
corkears.

I sincerely hope all goes well  
with you old man.

Affectionately  
Love to Ben  
Chuck

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REVUE  
CALIFORNIA

June 26, 1922

My dear Mr. Duggar:

At Council last week  
I was pained to hear of your great loss.  
Knowledge of it was a great shock to  
Mrs. Pierce and me. We have repeatedly  
spoken of you and Mrs. Duggar, and  
Mrs. Pierce was especially attracted to  
her. No words can express pain and  
sympathy, they can only suggest them;  
and I hope you to understand and  
accept as much of our sympathy  
as you are willing to. Your children  
will give you such comfort as we  
our else can, and may they all help  
you greatly! I am sorry that you are  
not coming out this year, for though  
we are sure for the Summer Session,  
we should hope for better chance to see

you than under our last year. We shall  
look forward to your coming  
another year, and as we are planning  
to be at Carmel and the Hopkins Marine  
Laboratory next summer, we shall  
hope it will be then.

Always faithfully yours  
Wm. J. Hille

OFFICE OF  
CHARLES L. PARSONS  
1709 G STREET  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 26, 1922.

Mr. Benjamin M. Dugger,  
721 Limit Street,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Ben:

Those two dear children and considerate children of yours, whom you can give to me any time you want to, left yesterday afternoon for St. Louis. I think a lot of my own children but never in their lives have they been so thoughtful and considerate at any age as those two are as children. Since last February, neither Alice nor I have heard one single whine out of them. They have not cost us a minutes trouble, and both Alice and I are sorry that you feel it advisable to take them to St. Louis. Nevertheless, I fully appreciate their natural feelings and give them up with as good grace as we can. Either or both of them can have a home with us any time they want to.

Just before they got on the train Nancy pulled my head down to her and told me to be sure to thank Cousin Helen and especially Aunt Alice for all they had done for them, and no twenty-one-year-old young lady trained in the best of schools could have done it more sweetly or more graciously. George, listening as he always does, immediately piped in, telling the same for me, Uncle Charles. You may rest assured they both have and deserve a very warm place in our hearts.

I am inclosing two checks for \$1.90 each, one to Nancy and one to George, which I meant to give them in cash before they left but which I forgot. For some little thing last May I promised them ten cents a week and have, manlike, clean forgot all about it. I have learned indirectly, because they would not tell me, that they did not, and I want them to think I kept my promise and agreement as carefully as they kept every one of theirs since they have been with us.

With love to you all and wishing you a very happy year,

Cordially yours,

CLP/W

*Chas.*

*Am sending Ch. in your  
name, please cash &  
deliver. "This is a  
matter of honor"*

A remembrance  
from the students of  
the Missouri Botanical  
Garden of Large basket  
Lovers + Gladoli

With deepest Sympathy  
✓ Ellen Alfred Schmidt  
Anna Ellen Wright  
Elsa Querdram Allen  
Laura Fish Mordoff  
Spray of  
Pink Roses

✓ Large spray  
of purple + colla lili's

The Womens Faculty Club  
of Washington University,  
the bereaved friends of  
Marie R. Suggar, desire  
to express to

Dr. Benjamin M. Suggar  
their heartfelt condolence  
and deepest sympathy  
in this his greatest  
loss.

Mrs. W. McKim Marriott  
Secretary of  
The Women's Faculty Club

Sympathy of  
Mr. Paul Brown  
and Mrs. Brown  
Spray of  
carnations  
& pink roses

Magill Floral Co.  
4025 N. Newstead Ave.

Spray pack  
Mrs. M. H. Beauregard  
Scarf draps

Deepest sympathy  
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore  
spray - pink gladiolus

Love and Sympathy  
from every member of the  
Garden Club

Spray  
Mrs. and Mrs. W. M. Jennison  
pink  
roses

The little Easter lily  
bush brings  
love & greetings  
to you  
Annie -

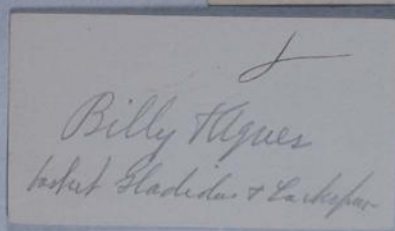
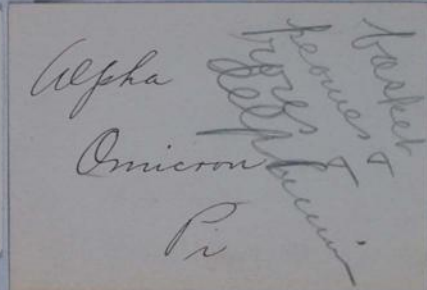
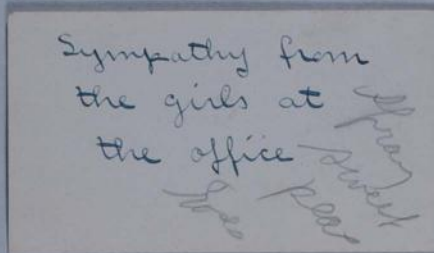
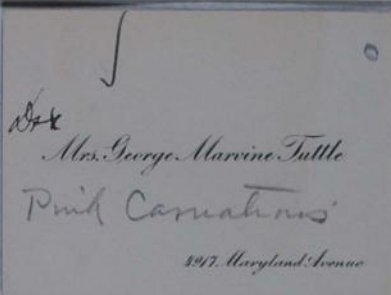
Spray  
gladioli  
Mrs. M. H. Harold  
delphinium  
5022 Westminster Pl.

Loving Sympa-  
thy -  
Mr. and Mrs.  
W. Scott Hancock

With deepest, heartfelt  
Sympathy.

Dr. & Mrs. M. A. Goldstein

P.M.T. House  
May 11, 1922



Sincere sympathy

Mrs. Eugene Henry Augert

ans.  
5/22

Sympathy of

Edmund & Amy

large spray of  
pink roses

spray-white roses

Mrs. William Harold Chambers

Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Blackman

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