

*Mr. King - Messages of Sympathy
Hugh Guthrie 24277*

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Dear Mr. Guthrie:

Having been away in Colorado during the last three or four months, I did not learn until talking with your brother Norman a day or two ago of how long and serious your illness has been, and of your recent bereavement in the loss of your brother, the Doctor, in Chicago. I knew, of course, before I went away, of your anxiety concerning your boy, and I hear from Norman that your father is at present none too well.

I should like to express to you the sincere sympathy I feel for you and Mrs. Guthrie in these experiences and trials. It is only those who have had to endure the strain of long continued suffering on the part of those dear to them, and have born bereavement, who are able to appreciate to the full what these grave anxieties mean. In the long illness of my brother, my father's impaired vision, and the recent loss of my eldest sister, I have had like experiences which enable me to appreciate very fully what you have had to bear, and I can only repeat that I sympathize in a very understanding way with you. I hope that the dark sky is