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214 Fourth Avenue  
Trinidad Colorado.  
Dec 29, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Fleming:

I read in a Jacksonville paper today of your great loss and I feel that I must write you to tell you of my deep sympathy for you and Elizabeth.

So sweet were my memories of Governor Fleming that although it had been long since our meeting, the knowledge of his death came as a personal loss. To you, whom I shall always hold dear as a friend and instructor in my girl hood, and a noble influence in my womanhood, my heart goes out in deepest sympathy, and I would I could show

this by other means than words. Dear Mrs. Fleming, I believe, too, I can realize your grief more fully than some by reason of the shadows from which I have just emerged. My little brother Drew just passed his second Christmas in Heaven and our hearts are still very lonely because of his leaving us. Then, too, I am just now relieved of the anxiety and grief that my husband's illness caused for nearly his year preceding our marriage. I thank God, that after nearly a year of marriage, we find my Robert stronger in this climate than ever else where in his life. But, dear friend, all the sorrow of uncertainty and dread was mine, and I know my heart can feel for you.

But what great comfort you have in your memories of a happy married life, and in your knowledge that your husband lived so honorably his life here, that he is mourned by many and his name honored by all. I shall never forget him his kindness and best of all his goodness. I wish I could do something to help

you, dear Mrs. Fleming, but  
I can only offer my sin-  
cerest sympathy and  
my prayers.

With much love for  
you and Elizabeth,  
Ruby De Pont Kemp.



*Answered*  
*Reply*  
Mrs. Francis P. Fleming, Sr.  
Jacksonville  
Florida

