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Dear Tracy and Ida-Rose,

I've felt at a loss as to what to call you - the change is very strange, and adds a lot to my sadness. I haven't wanted to write to you before now because I understood that your interests needed to be wholly set on Tracy Jr., and I didn't want to interfere or even appear to interfere in that condition. But I do need to thank you for your kindness and graciousness to me through these last difficult months.

I am sure you have had many painful feelings to deal with, yet you welcomed me at Laura's luncheon and reception, included me in Susanna's shower, and have in general demonstrated generosity and kindness toward me. And if I had put on a cheerful countenance to get through those times, it is not because I take your behavior for granted. I am deeply grateful for your magnanimity. Mom, when you hugged me at Mary's graduation I really didn't know whether I was going to be able to hold it together till I got home. Thanks.

I have also many things to be grateful for where the children are concerned. In that area I have never felt able to thank you adequately. I know that you have always wanted what was best for them.

I realize that there are sometimes

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misunderstandings which may not be resolved in this lifetime. This seems to be one of those times. I have felt overwhelming grief but I know that Heavenly Father cares for all of us. I trust in Him and I know that you do also.

Love,
Betty



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