

I can say like you that the  
past year gave me many hap-  
pinesses. It was the most unhap-  
py year of my life. I think  
yes, you have much to be thankful  
for, and I have too, yet it was  
such a sad year to me.

Yes, another year has passed and  
the home circle with you remains  
the same, God grant many new  
years may find the circle unbrok-  
en. One who never lost a parent  
can't realize the loss. Death has  
robbed me of both of mine, my dear  
mother when I was but a little child  
and my father since I have been grown.  
The former I can hardly realize the  
loss as I was so young when she  
died. Yet I feel this morning like  
I would of all things, love to have  
a mother. If I had a mother today  
I could lay my head on her breast  
and cry for joy. Knowing I had