

The Chelsea

222 West 23^d St

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Black.

I send you by today's mail a small Memorial volume of my husband, which I, with the help of a friend, have been preparing - I hope it will reach you in safety and will recall to your memory the friend who valued your acquaintance so highly - Every day my loss seems the greater, the arranging and preparing of

the book has been a solace
to me, for it ^{was} something to
do for him, and all that can
be done. His passing away,
so shockingly sudden, gave
us no loving opportunity to
aid him in any way - or
receive one parting word.
The letter you wrote to him,
directed to his office, came
safely - and your ^{two} good,
and comforting letters of
Oct. 18th and 20th came to me.
The two books, also, arrived
in good order, which I have

enjoyed reading - I thank ^{you} in ~~his~~ dear
name, and for myself, for all your favors.
I so well remember the pleasant ^{visit} we had
with you both, and your boys, when you
were here, and am so glad you came
to become better acquainted with our
part of the world, and with my beloved
husband. I think you will cherish
his memory for he was very fond of you.
Unfortunately, the photograph I enclose was

taken more than six years
ago, I have none later - Since
then he had grown much stouter
and his hair was whitening.
But I think you will per-
ceive a likeness -

I hope your family is well
and all prospering in your
life and home. I do wish
you would write to me
occasionally - It is a
great pleasure to think
I have friends in that
far away land and that
we can speak to each
other at intervals -

I shall live on in N.Y.
probably the remainder
of my life - Shall move
from this house in the fall
but letters will follow
me - The kind intention
you expressed of having
us "visit Australia" was
a dream of delight, it
might have been, if
only my husband had
lived for he was so fond
of travel and we should
have so much enjoyed

seeing you, and your dear
ones under your own roof.
Our spring time is delightfully
warm and pleasant this
year, but a fortnight ago
we had quite a heavy snow-
storm -

When you write please tell
me a little of your home,
and its surroundings, that
I may place you in my
mind -

With love to you all -
affectionately -
Henrietta Thompson.