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No. 123 St Ferdinand Street
New Orleans, La.,

Nov. 21st 1896.

My Dear Sis. Liza.

Sis. Adas' Telegram
to Virgie of this date conveying
the sad intelligence of Judge Evans
demise is just to hand and I hasten
to extend to you my heart felt sym-
pathy and Condolence.

I know that

no words can make amends for the
great loss you have sustained.

I deeply realize, from having passed
through a similar bereavement, that
expressions of Condolence wholly fail

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To restore the loved and lost one, yet
I cannot but hope that the heartfelt sym-
pathy of a sincere friend will not be
deemed intrusion on your grief.

It has been well said, that "we weep for
the loved and lost because we know
that our tears are in vain". I would
ease your sorrow, and yet I know not
how. We can only acknowledge that the
affliction is God's Will. Over in the
beautiful land to which I trust your
life-companion, and our friend and
father has gone, we may not doubt,
he is free from the pains that he so long
endured here; and when we gather at the
river, is it not a sweet consolation

To think that among the loved and lost
he may ^{meet} you on the bright and beautiful
Shore?

Commending you and all the
rest of the bereaved ones to Him who
doeth all things well, I remain in the
tendest affection

Yours brother
J. J. Armstrong,

P.S.

Virgie will write you right soon.