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Mr. R. H. Walker  
Athens, Alabama

Dear Harry:

I am greatly distressed by the death of your son. While I did not know him very well myself, I realize he was a brilliant fellow and had infinite possibilities. It is very sad that one so young and so talented should be taken away at this time. I know well how you and Mrs. Walker had set your hearts on him from his birth and how proud you were of him. I know of nothing more grievous than to lose one's only child and I want you to know I feel for you deeply. Your well-being and your successes have always been matters of pride to me and I feel when sorrow comes to you I have a share therein.

Please give my love to Mrs. Walker and remember I am always your friend, faithfully,

*Tom Garner*