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My dear Mrs. Sparks:

Our sister in Sacramento sent us a paper which arrived here yesterday, it contained a notice of the "passing away" of Governor Sparks. It was such a shock, we have scarcely been able to believe our eyes. We have turned to it again and again, reading and re-reading it. Every time laying the paper tenderly by - as if that could help, and becoming deeper and deeper depressed and saddened. We cannot find words to tell you of our sorrow and of the sympathy we have for you and yours in these sad days. I wish there might be some ray in

his friends who feel the same irreparable loss. Of the taking away of such a man from the State and his friends means so much there, it is impossible to appreciate his loss to his family. Many times will we think of you as you pass through these trying months before you.

We have only met Mrs. McKenzie and Charlie, please convey to them our sincere sympathy in their sorrow, and to you also our greatest desire is to be of some service if possible. When you can we would be grateful for a letter Mrs. Sparks. In sincere sympathy

Yours most truly
Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Perry,
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which we could help you. Still I know there is nothing that can bring relief except as the grief wears itself into the very depths of one's soul there to become a main factor in one's whole existence. When buried there it is perhaps more quiet, having spent itself in the effort. But, oh! the hours, and hours of bitterness before even a quiet grief may come. Mrs. Sparks, we respected, admired and loved Governor Sparks, a true and constant friend we found him. Nevada without him will be dreadful, and we'll miss him and his kind protecting support more than we can tell, and I know there are many of