

Sunday Evening Feb 28. 72

Dear Mr & Mrs Beldon

We received your letter of tender Christian sympathy and doubly appreciate it because it comes from hearts "stricken and afflicted." I know your hearts are full of anxiety and sorrow and yet you put it aside while you wrote those beautiful words of comfort. I am too crushed and broken to write now but

hope to do so after a  
little. I have thought of  
you many times this winter  
and should have written had  
it not been on account of  
my sister's unexpected illness. And  
now this will convey to you more  
sad news - your kind and faithful  
friend Miss Ruth-Rocap died last Friday  
only a few days - will be buried  
on Tuesday she will be greatly  
missed. Out of this small prayer  
meeting circle your families have  
been visited by death. Mrs Laura Elmer  
lost her father. Mrs Lyon a daughter  
& a sister. and now Miss Ruth is  
gone - we shall remember you with  
tender sympathy. Mary Jo Padgett