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My dear wife,

In case of my sudden death, by apoplexy, or in some other way, do not send for my dear son Nicholas, as it would be an unnecessary expense, & he could not reach here in time to see me. Nor would it be any comfort to you as he would not be able to remain long. And it would be an expense to him to return.

Do not write to him, until after the funeral of all is over. Have a quiet funeral as possible & do not wear mourning.

Ever yours

A. H. Muelenberg

I have noticed with regret, the
increasing extravagance at funerals;
to mark my disapprobation & to
set an example, I desire to be
buried in a plain walnut coffin,
without flowers, & only carriages
for the family & friends. And all
display to be avoided.

A. A. M.

To my dearest wife

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