

October 15, 1930

Dear Miss Gridley:

I have your letter of October 1st and I am so sorry for your discouragement. Mr. Oakleaf's death was, I can believe, a serious blow to you. But every undertaking meets sooner or later disasters of this kind. It is a serious test of staying power of those interested. You must not give up because of the difficult present period, nor should you under-estimate the present depression. It is the business of people to face it and go through it with courage and good sense. There is nothing to do but hold on to what you have and wait for expansion. After a time you will find your friends in a position to help you again.

I am sorry that I can do nothing myself, more than to give you this cold comfort. It is time for courage and patience in every undertaking. But believe me I do sympathize.

Very sincerely yours

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