

**Letter From Hubbard's Sister, Margaret Williams, To Leila
Wallace, on the Death of Her Husband, Dillon Wallace**

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Dear Leila,-

What does one say that can help? I never know. The death of one we love is too personal a matter to share and no one can help—at least no one ever helped me by words of sympathy. I know what you and your children are going through for even tho we shared no blood ties with Dillon we all feel his going a personal loss.

I have never been able to express in words my debt to the Wallace Family. Annie was such a "peach" during that awful time in 1903-04— Writing me every scrap of news that seeped through from Labrador. Imagine me—on a farm miles from anywhere, no phone, no radio, no daily paper, no car, two babies and the suspense that is even worse than actualities! I think I would have died if Annie hadn't written. Then, the things Dillon did! I couldn't repay him and words fail to tell my appreciation.

No need to tell you how really fine he was—you know. When you and I got raving mad over those bronze tablets in Mount Repose he refused to even get stirred up. Every one of our relatives who met him said he was one of the finest men they ever met.

To me he was a super-man and the last link of that awful tragedy of 1903-04. George doesn't count—he is only a "tool". When my cousin Dr. M.C. Hubbard died last year I wrote George at Dr. Melvin's wife's request as Dr. Melvin had correspondence with George. No reply of course, but it only shows he is subjugated to Mina's demands.

Write me once in awhile, will you Leila? I am so glad Dillon's last years were so happy with a wife and children. I will remember him always—as he ran down the stairs to greet us in November 1933. The last time we saw him.

The books Dillon autographed for Leon are among his most prized possessions. Goldie said only yesterday—she was reading the Hole Book to Peggy-Lee's six year old daughter—and she was so glad it was autographed. We all mourn with you Leila, but what a memory you and the children will have of a great man for a husband and father!

Margaret Williams