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Dear Mr. Covington

I came ~~Answered at~~ this morning having been away for the Christmas holidays with my family, and found much to my great joy, and surprise, your beautiful letter and exquisite book.

What can I say, how can I express how very deeply I appreciated your thoughtfulness. Now I truly know why, our Joan (my dear friend, and your beloved.) loved you so. I remember so vividly how her smile,

and beautiful eyes would light up, and her complexion always had a velvety rosy warm tone, whenever she spoke of you, which was so very often. How truly proud she was of you, and her loving family.

Indeed, loving and fond memories always remain in ones heart, so I can well understand my letter meaning much to you. I must say, Mr. Covington, gentlemen like you Sir, are few, and far between.

I was so happy to hear of your remarriage, and how wonderful

that she has five children, what greater blessing than a big happy family. Loving children, as I do, I think you both are truly blessed and I wish you all, much happiness.

The book I must say, was, exquisite (so Elizabethan in feeling) such a beautiful tribute, to a very beautiful lady.

Your children have grown so, I can hardly recognize them, although there is no mistaking the loveliness of Joan, and handsomeness of their father in them.

I am quite sure for me, as well as for the many lives she did touch, it is a book of joyous and blessed memories of a truly wonderful and dear family.

It is a book I shall always treasure, and fondly look at from time to time, to remind me of her beautiful friendship and kindness.

Quite by coincident my wonderful nephew "Robert N. Paltos" and his wife picked up the book, and noticed your name, he mentioned that he had the pleasure of having met you one day.

He knew your former Pres. "Mr. Edward Backus Jr, and your current advertising manager "Mr Richard Hunken, while he was representing the "New York Times." He is now with the "International Herald Tribune." Both he and his wife (who now is expecting her first child.) thought your book exquisite too. Family life means much to them, as it does in my family.

I do hope one day, our paths chance to meet. I would dearly love to meet your new Mrs. and see

all the children again I wonder if they still would remember me.

As for my life I haven't married as yet, for which I am sorry. I had involved myself too deeply in work, which was not appreciated. I am happily out of it now, and at the moment I am trying to relocate at an entirely different position, hopefully as a receptionist, as I love people, however we shall see what the New Year holds.

Presently my brother (who is an attorney), and I are working on a product (in the womens

sanitary field) which I originated when I did volunteer work at the hospital. It is featured in the "Aldens Mail Order Catalogue." We hope to have it sold in all "Dept., Drug, and Woolworths shoppes, in the New Year, if all goes well. It means hard work, but "faith" will help us succeed

Well Mr. Covington, I think I have brought you up to date, as to my doings, which I hope haven't been boring, because I loved Joan so dearly, and have met you about

once or twice. I feel I know you, and after your beautiful letter, and book. I am deeply proud to know you, and have you as my friend.

If ever you are on Bklyn Heights, feel free to call me. Since Mom & Dad have passed on. I live with my wonderful sister, and her husband. (parents of my nephew Robert.) Our humble home is always open to wonderful friends and family's like yours.

My number is 855-2505

My thanks again with all my heart, for a truly blessed Christmas gift. (Your letter and book.) it could not have arrived at a happier time, and I know, wherever our Joan may be, she is most joyous too, to know you, and all your loving family are once again a happy family.

May the New Year hold many blessed joys for you, and your lovely wife, and all members of the family.

My special love to the children and to your lovely wife, and to you Sir, very very special

Thanks

Most Sincerely

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