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Dear Coz.

A few days since I received your affate kind letter of the 10th & have again to truly thank you. for all your kindness-but was deeply pained, to see through me, how you had incurred the "wrath" of some persons. I only wish I could see you, to show you everything in 'black and white' & tell you all. A great deal can be said. but sayings requires proofs, otherwise all words are fallacies. I think Mrs. Wm Henderson Mr. Michael C. McCarthy, & Mr. Victor H. Newcomb, will find it difficult, with all their assistance, to commit, & confine me, in an Insane Asylum, & have all & everything as they desire; when they find, & know, the strong & sincere friends I have here many of whom, I would be so happy to have you know, & will hope, circumstances will yet gratify my desires. The present Season is very very sad to those, who mourn the 'early dead'-'their all'-For Gods love & Mercy will I pray, your dear wife, or you, or your children, to never know, or feel, the sufferings, & the desolation, & persecutions of your poor cousin Jo, but all of you, ever enjoy the 'peace & good will' & 'joy & gladness' it should bring to every one.-I send you two effusions, & if they cause a sad thought, or a momentary pang, forgive the outpourings of the broken heart of

COUSIN JO."