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Dear Gus:

You have my deep sympathy on your brother's death. In some ways it is the hardest grief to bear. It must bring a flood of recollections, and I hope you will take comfort from the joyful ones, and from the remembrance of happiness you gave him.

I have heard you repeat Donne's words with affection, so perhaps I may quote:  
"All mankind is of one Author, and is one volume;  
when one man dies, one chapter is not torn of  
Cold make

the book, but translated into a better  
language.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leon

*Despres*

January 3, 1966

The Honorable Leon M. Despres  
Alderman, 5th Ward  
Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

My dear Leon:

I just received your kind note about my brother's death, and it is true that it does bring back a flood of recollections.

He had just been admitted to the Bar for fifty years and we were associated together in practice during all of that time with the exception of two years which he spent in the Army in the First World War.

We were fortunate in finding new fields which opened up about the time we commenced practicing, in Workmen's Compensation Law and in similar areas, that we found useful and profitable.

He has been ailing pretty much for the last ten years and was gradually becoming worse. My grandmother died of hardening of the arteries of the brain at about his age and since it is a hereditary trouble his ailment followed pretty much the pattern of hers. No matter how much you reason about it, however, it is a great blow and I want to thank you for your kind thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

Augustine J. Bowe