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“YOUR VALUABLE WORK IN REFERENCE TO THE ISLAND”
MALLY ROEDER WRITES TO SOPHIA MORRISON (1911)

17 Amherst Street | W.thington Manchester

Dear Miss Morrison,

My brother wishes to send you his sincerest wishes for a very prosperous and Happy New Year; and hopes you will continue your valuable work in reference to the Island; although he has not hear from you for a long time he hopes you are in good health.

Unfortunately my brother is prevented from any work as he has been confined to bed for the last 12 months in consequence of serious illness.

With kind regards

Yours very truly | Mally Roeder | per C. Roeder

Jan. 3rd | 1911.

Source: Letter from Mally Roeder to Sophia Morrison, 3 January 1911, MNHL, MS 09495, Sophia Morrison Papers, Box 5.



Mally Roeder is Karl Roeder's unmarried sister with whom he shared his house. Roeder's final years were marked by illness, as seen here he was now bedridden. He was to die that same year, in September 1911. Evidently, the correspondence between Roeder and Morrison had ceased for some reason. Because of the gap in their letter exchanges, his sense of passing mortality caused him to ask his sister to write to her for perhaps the last time. Whilst many of the letters from Morrison to Roeder have been lost, a good number written by him to Morrison do survive amongst her papers and remain to be edited and researched.

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