

unable to do so, it reminded him of the many years that have gone by without him ever lifting a finger to aid you. Many times he sits and talks with me about Florie, how he left her a young woman, how she struggled to hold things together, to put you thru school, to guide you as teenagers on her own, how by now after so many years she must have given up on him, how she must have perhaps even found another man. But still he says he wishes he could get her here and try to make up for the past, try to show her how he appreciates what she has done. Yet he fears that leaving alone all these years has changed him and that he might not be easy to live with. Thruout his dealings he is always clear about the importance of his children, of his family. Perhaps he has squandered many opportunities in the past to show his earnestness, but now more than ever he seems determined to do right by you and your mother & your sisters.

Your father is a very proud man, sometimes too proud and arrogant for his own good! He is embarrassed to write to you because he knows the past, what he has not done, what he wants to do for you. But you see words alone are not enough; action speaks louder than words. He would like to do things first then talk about it later. You see the nature of your father's work is rather