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San Francisco,
610 Jones Street,
Oct. 23, 1882.

Mrs. Louis Strentzell Main
My dear Madame

The present of a box of choice grapes you kindly sent me arrived on Saturday last, for which let me return you my appreciative acknowledgements. I abvessell several bunches of very small, beautiful, and delicious blue grapes among the others, which I had never seen before. My grandchildren came to see me yesterday, and enjoyed the fruit.

My sister, Mrs. E. A. Cain, is now at my house, and will remain during the winter. She is now 69, and in good health.

I have just had the great pleasure of seeing a cousin and

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St. Peter's Church

to Louise
Peter Burwell

his lady from Texas. I had not
seen him for fifty-one or two years,
and had never met her before. His
name is William P. Hardeman. His
father, my uncle Thomas Jones
Hardeman, moved with his family
to Texas in 1835, when my cousin
was a youth. He is now 66. I saw
him last in Hardeman County,
Tennessee, in 1851. Our uncle Baily
Hardeman was Secretary of the
Treasury in Texas under President
Burnet. Uncle Blackstone Hardem-
an, also lived and died in that
State. I think your parents will
be apt to remember the Hardemans.

My children and grandchild-
ren are in good health with a
few exceptions. For about 18 mos.
Ada C. Ryl and has suffered from
some disease, which not only gives her

pain, but affects her sight, so that
she has to wear glasses, and can only
read about five minutes. She is thus
unable to keep up with the current
news of the day from reading, and has
to depend upon conversation for her
knowledge of passing events. To one of
her active and fine intellect, it is a
great deprivation. Her sister Harwa is
now under medical treatment for
her address of hearing, which makes her
uneasy in the company of others.
My son, John W. Burnett's youngest daughter,
a little girl 4 years old, is very
backward about talking. She is a
most beautiful child, and her parents
are fearful she will never be bright.

Give my kindest regards to
your husband father and mother and
call and see me when you visit the city.

Yours truly
Peter H. Burnett