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I have been reading the
ms. you left here, Jimmy, and
enjoying it all over again.
You comment on the optimism
of Papa's sermons. It was
the thinking of the time, & when
"the progress of mankind onward
and upward forever" was
thought to be the natural
course of events. He reflected
the philosophy of Emerson
and others of that period.

Sometimes I have been glad
he didn't live to realize what
depths mankind was descending
to in his last years - the Holocaust,

release he had many satisfactions
and much happiness through
his family.

I hope for the sake of our
young boys, that the world
will manage to avoid war.
Perhaps Alexander Haig has
enough sense to steer a safe
course.

We came near a frost last
night (37°) but today it is not
so nippy, and we may go on
for some time without one.
Except for beets, our garden is
pretty well finished.

If the McMurders have not come yet,
please remember us to them. We
enjoyed so much our meetings with them.
With love, Eleanor