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My dear Clare - You should have had
a letter from me before - I have
simply put off writing just because
I did not know how to write to
you about your mother -
We were dreadfully shocked
when we read the news in the paper -
none of us having at all realised
she was so ill - I know how
fearfully desolate you all must
feel without her - for she was a
mother in a million - I think your
mother must have had more
influence for good than perhaps
any other woman in Montreal - and
she never seemed to be too tired or
too absorbed in her own daily round
to trouble with anyone at all -
I dreaded having to write the
news to Arthur - for I know that
it will be another fresh blow
to him - poor boy!

I simply can not realize your
great loss - It is like our own
mother's - I shall never forget that
It almost seemed as if everything
had slipped away from under our
feet - I shall never forget your
mother coming to us then - I shall
never forget the way she looked
at mother - or the words she said -
And although it made us weep again
at the time - we all felt better and
stronger for the mere fact of her
having been there -
we are more than fortunate to
have had such wonderful
mother - and I can not but feel
that whether they are waiting
over us - here below - and that
their presence - unseen - but deeply
felt - will be with us to the end
of our days.

With much love and
sympathy -

Yours affectionately,

Sophie Campbell.

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