

Mrs Drake

Knowlton

Jan<sup>y</sup> 7/81.

Dear Dr. Dawson

Your telegram reaches me this evening - very many thanks for it. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Bancroft will see you to-morrow morning, I presume, before this reaches you; & will have told you about time of arrival & funeral. But before he sees you he will probably have told Mr. Swinburn that Emma & myself will go to them. If we do not, we shall gratefully accept your kind invitation. But it seems almost more than I can yet bear to go to your house where every thing reminds me of my dear husband & our late visit, & the many times he has enjoyed being with you.

I am sure you & dear Mrs Dawson were greatly sen-

prised to hear of our loss, & only  
yesterday afternoon he spoke  
of being spared for some weeks.  
But he failed rapidly since  
you were here. And you saw  
him under the excitement of  
your presence.

We mentioned the Ingham  
Hall, <sup>in telegraphing</sup> lest you should think of  
your own house by "St. Gill  
College", & we thought it would  
be so painful to any of our  
friends to have a funeral from  
a private house - either from  
your house or Mr. Smith's or  
the Bancrofts.

With affectionate remem-  
brances to Mrs. Dawson, believe  
me

Yours very truly  
Mary Drinkin.