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My dear Sir

My mother, who is staying for a little with me - and thus solaced by the companionship of her only sister Mrs Phipson, who is at the head of my house - has asked me to thank you most sincerely for your kind note, written to her at

The time of her great
sorrow. She was also
much touched by a very
kind letter from Lady
Dawson - the personal
remembrances in which,
interested her much.

Of such consolation
as she can derive from
public and private
expressions of sympathy
with her, and of a sense
of his worth, she has
indeed abundance.

By a series of happy accidents, my father saw a large number of his old friends during the last six weeks of his life - and he was then better than he had been for some months - so that their last recollection of him would be pleasant. This is a source of satisfaction to us all.

My mother's 5 sons, and her sister - were able to be with her during that trying week - and once again since.

Several newspapers have
been sent to you, and to
my Aunt, which will
have told you a good
deal of detail. There
is every reason to believe
that the burns were so
severe, that all power to
suffer was destroyed. His
last words were "I have
had a good sleep, and should
like to be left alone!"

With kind regards to your
home circle - and thanks
for all your sympathy,
I remain, very faithfully yours
Wm. Lunt Carpenter
Sir Wm. Dawson.