

Mellard Road Park Corner  
Blundell Sands  
Liverpool  
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Dear Sir W. Dawson.

Your kindly letter  
of sympathy has touched  
me deeply - I have indeed  
had a sad loss - my dear  
wife had a splendid health  
up to the end of last be-  
-haviour & I always thought  
that she would outlive  
me - It has been a great  
blow to all of us - I am  
in the mourning of our

wedding day - the happy month  
- I leave the Newport for  
that length of unclouded  
cupbins - Now I want  
time in my family -

It was indeed my kind  
of you to write & ~~love~~ you  
to me my love & sympathy  
in your troubles - If you  
should be able to come to  
the Bristol Ave. next year  
I trust you will come to  
see us - if ever I know  
it will be no use asking  
you to stay here when you

land a sea - law is God  
- But life in water always  
improves itself as we move  
in these times of bereavement

Your good natured reference  
to the little sculpture work I  
have been enabled to do  
is encouraging - It is a sort  
of work which <sup>we</sup> does not  
let ~~me~~ my mind escape  
- and usually - Any work  
has been done by a necessity  
of my nature & is its own  
reward though when it meets  
with the approval of a veteran

liter yourself who has been  
a person to do much work  
both then & now it is an  
added satisfaction - we  
none of us know much  
more practical truth and  
I am coming to believe  
that there is some truth  
= all best work -

I don't hope that you  
may be fully restored to  
health & strength I remain

Sincerely Yours  
J. Sullivan Ruddy

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