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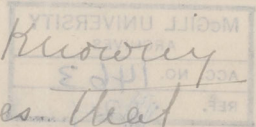
Clapham Common

S.W.

Dear Sir William -

The packet of your beautiful account of my husband reached me yesterday - I am glad & proud to have it - to give to my friends - Many notices of him have been written in England, some critically & scientific, others friendly, but none of them is so pleasantly combined the two as yours - Most of them are written by enthusiastic young men who know his work, & his old age - You have known him so long & the trip is different -

Thank you also for the book so kindly sent me - I shall read it with great tenderness, knowing so well the good wishes that



prompt so true a gift -

London is having sad times
just now, its leading artist
one of its finest musicians,
a statesman, & a great publisher
have passed away within the last
few days, & are lying breathless at
this minute -

The thought that has dwelt with
me continuously, since last June,
is that of the over-powering influence
that opens, as soon as the body dies -
It is at any rate one life ever lasting
& one not to be despised - it is as
though our whole life was seedtime
for the harvest that shall follow on
this earth as soon as our bodies
leave it -

With kindest thoughts & good wishes
for you dear Sir William & received thanks

Love yours sincerely

Annie Crawford Williamson

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Dear Mr. Williams -
 The packet of your
 beautiful account of my husband
 reached me yesterday - I am glad
 to know it has it - it fits it very
 precisely - many notes of his
 have been written in England,
 some critically, scientific, others
 friendly, but none of them is so
 pleasantly combined as the two in
 yours - that of them in nature &
 character. Young men who know
 his work, and his age - for less than
 him so long as the trip is different -
 thank you also for the book to
 which I refer - I shall read it
 with great pleasure.

Yours very truly
 Wm. Williams

Mr. Williams
 Feb 26/96

It is at any rate one of the best
 of our kind to be written. It is so
 though our whole life was written
 for the benefit that they follow on
 this earth as soon as we follow
 leave it -
 both the best thought of a good worker
 for you can be written & secured that
 have from the early
 years - when for instance