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My dear Mrs. Dawson

As Mary and I had made arrangements for a trip up the River with our friends the Astvators, we were glad to get the news of the arrival of a little grandson before we left, and that Mother and child were comfortable. I could not however enter fully into the joy of the occasion until I could hear again, knowing too well how critical the patient's condition is after such continued and severe labour as dear Anna's must have been. When we returned this PM I found Bernard's second letter and feel as if I must express to you my consciousness of the painful experience you have been having and my sympathy on account of it.

I hope to hear soon that all  
cause for anxiety has been re-  
moved, so that we can rejoice  
and thank our Heavenly Father  
for sparing a precious life, as  
well as for giving a new one.  
I am glad we did not know  
what you were all passing  
through, as it would have made  
us miserable and I was doing all  
I could, in frequently commending  
the dear ones to our ever present  
help in time of need. Miss Hild  
kindly wrote soon after the birth  
of the baby and I am expecting  
or rather wishing Mr. Holson  
may write particulars, as I know  
you could not. Laura wrote  
me you had a severe cold -  
I hope you had thrown that  
off before your fatigue and  
anxiety came upon you.

What a chance for correcting self  
ishness a Mother's life furnishes!  
When I looked around at my  
dear Mother's funeral and  
saw children - sons-in-law and  
daughters-in-law - grand chil-  
dren and great-grand children,  
I thought, what enlargement of  
heart she must have experienced  
when she loved them all and  
took such interest - as she did in  
every thing that affected them.

I will not detain you as I  
have written about Mary to Ber-  
nard and given him my message  
to Anna. Please remember me  
to Dr Dawson and believe me  
Dear Mrs Dawson -

Yours affectionately  
Laura Harrington.