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My Dear Lady Dawson

I am sure that I need not say how very sincerely Mr. Plimrose and I and all the members of our family sympathize with you in the great loss which you have sustained in the death of your beloved and beloved husband.

The Master gave him a great life work to do, which he prosecuted with untiring industry, devotion, and self abnegation, and which has left its impress deeply, not only more immediately on McGill College, the city of Montreal

and Canada at large; but in a  
 very much more extended, and  
 world wide sphere; and now he has  
 gone from us; up to that Master,  
 to hear him say of that life-work  
 and of himself. "Well done good  
 and faithful servant &c."

I regret very much that  
 the shortness of the time elapsing  
 between my reception of notice of his  
 death and the date of his funeral,  
 together with other circumstances,  
 prevented my going up to join with  
 so many others in paying the last sad  
 tribute of esteem and respect to my  
 dear old life long friend. Believe  
 me, dear Lady Dawson with deepest  
 sympathy,  
 Yours very sincerely  
 C. Primrose.