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A Mrs Wilkes

Dear Lady Dawson,  
Since hearing  
of the sore bereavement  
that has come to you,  
my thoughts have been  
much with you -  
I cannot refrain from  
sending a few lines  
to say how tenderly I  
sympathize in your  
sorrow and how  
the Comforter Himself  
can alone give you  
strength to bear it.

Our loving Father knows  
all, His promises are  
many to the Widow,  
and they never fail.  
He never takes away  
one all - Himself - He  
giveth - And then  
the sacred memories  
of the noble life of your  
Dear Husband will  
remain & the love  
that never dies, and  
the blessed assurance  
of the Presence in  
the Home above -  
My Daughter writes

with me, in having  
sympathy to you  
and yours -

Believe me dear  
Lady Dowager,

Very sincerely

Yours  
Gardner Wilkes