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SPUYTEN DUUVIL,  
NEW YORK.

Mr. James Douglas  
and wife

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Dear Lady Dawson:-

It is with sincere  
regret I learn on my return  
from the West of the great affliction  
which has overtaken you. - Although  
the impending change may have  
been long anticipated, it is none the  
less hard to reconcile oneself to it.

In your case there is the consolation that while  
you have lost a life-long friend - Science  
has lost one of its most eminent guides  
and teachers, and that therefore you have  
the sympathy of the world -

Excuse my intruding  
on your great sorrow, and believe me

In all sincerity

Yours truly  
James Douglas