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LIVERPOOL.

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My dear Anna

What can I say to you? I who have received lately so many letters sympathizing with me; I feel utterly at a loss how to express sympathy with others. To you I would just say I pray our Father to bless this loss to you, and leave it at that; feeling sure that you know I believe that this is the best I can do.

When you receive this you will have recovered I trust from the physical and mental strain of the past week and find consolation in the fact that the threads of daily duty have to be gathered together again and life go on again in many ways just as

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if last week had never come.

I know that Tom's Mother and all
of us it was so last February.

My feeling for Bernard and I believe
his for me was very much out of
the usual: it is 18 years this week
I think since I left Montreal with
the prospect of its being a second home
to me, and in the little I saw then
of Bernard I learned that I had
in him a friend ready to accept me
with the closer fellowship of kinship:
and in all our intercourse since
then that knowledge has become
more certain. No man I have met
since boyhood exercised such a

sympathetic influence over me
and I owe much to him for
that influence. In one particular
he was remarkably like my Father,
unbounded Clarity; and strange
to say this trait in Father seemed
to excite the reverse in me while
in Bernard it pointed me right.
The loss would appear to be of
more moment to the boys, but
from all I have heard of them
of late I believe them to be so
well grounded and beyond the
danger point and that really the
feeling of being thrown on their
own resources will stimulate them

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to bring out more of what is
best in themselves.

This is a feeble attempt to show
my love for you dear Anna, but
I think you know that I am
not short in that fact, and that
when Eva secured it, it was not
for herself alone but was to reach out
as far as her own, as was hers
with mine.

As yet we have no plans for
our immediate future, and no
news of interest of the children.

Grandma sent me a very nice
letter strong & helpful. Bernard also a
most interesting one.

Your loving brother in law
Hope J. Atkin