

The Grosvenor Hotel

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My dear Spencer

In the deep sorrow which
has come upon us your sympathy has
been very precious and I should have
written to you before but I feel too sad
to do so. The shock of the ~~the~~ news
which came suddenly to us here
thru the telephone was almost more
than I could bear but I see now that
it was better it should have been
where it was instead of here or
elsewhere. It was caused by failure
of the heart and none of us knew
how did my dear wife I am sure
suspect the death myself even at
any moment. She was staying a
few days with our second daughter
Mrs. E. S. Whitaker and our third
daughter Mrs. Anderson was with her

She was going into her bedroom with
her when she fell back and faint
and near recovery consciousness,
she had been with me here for two
months and went back to get our horses
at Milton ready for my return.
What here I was so much occupied
that she went about very much alone
- as well as returning to Melbourne
by her self. It is too terrible to think
of what her death midtime leaves
us all if it had occurred at such a
time.

Note you all this my dear friend
because I did not fully appreciate
your kind ~~and~~ remarks about our
personal relations but because I
respected them. I am glad that you
have told me and I too future shall
feel that I have acquired a new and
very dear relative.

I expect like in Melbourne
about the thirteenth and wish very
much to see you, he can arrange

a meeting as I shall be two or three
days before I go to Bariandale, which
will now be my home. My cost are
now going to fundling brook - with the
least possible delay.

May and Maude are here with
me and I am sure at the short
change of time will do us good.

I expect you have got accounts
of Mrs Spencer

I am my dear Spencer

Your faithful
Aunt Will