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Dear Howard,

Your letter was
not exactly a surprise as from
what you have said we have
been expecting the news which it
contained almost daily during
the past week or two but though
it was not unexpected it is very
hard to realize its truth & I can
tell a little what it must mean
to you all at home.

Your Mother has been so kind
to me that her loss comes very closely
home & makes me too able to sympathize
very deeply with you.

I am very glad now that you
let me see her just for a minute
at Alderley: she looked so white &
thin that I was startled & had a
fear even then that she might not be
long with you. But I did not realize
that that would be our last time

I meeting.
I cannot write about it & only wanted
to let you know that I was sympathizing
deeply with you & those at your home.

Yr friend
Baldwin.