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Dear Howard

I saw Allie this afternoon + from Mrs Macfadyen he had heard that your Mother's funeral was to be today.

I had thought at first of asking if you would be kind enough to let me be present if you were having any strangers at all but afterwards I was obliged to decide not to ask you simply because during this

well or two I have undertaken a
good deal of extra work which there
is no one but myself to do & the
men are relying on me.

I wish it were possible to have seen
you but you will I think
understand what it means.

Today will be painfully trying to
you all I fear & there will be
a good many who will be thinking
about you this evening & wishing to
give you help which it is beyond
their power to do.

Will you please remember me very
kindly to your Father & Sisters.

My thoughts today will often
wander from your friend
Salvini.