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My dear, dear Clara -

When I saw the newspaper,
and your handwriting, I think I knew
at once what had come - I think
I knew it even when I wrote my
previous letter, much as I tried to
cheerish and to show hope. Now
it is, as we say, all over; that
is, the suffering, and the weakness,
and the weariness; the new life,
with its fulness of energy and of
joy, has begun. I remember once
writing to Mrs. Harrington in a time
of trouble - I think it was when
your brother died; and in her
reply, she used the expression "the

Master lead, and we follow". How
often have I thought of her words
since — how constant and faith-
-ful that following was, till now
it has led me into the very
presence of the King. It is to me
I myself that my thoughts turn now
not, my dearest Child; I know
precisely what you would be to
you dear Mother and to all the
other children — when I knew
your first demand was too heavy,
so to me you are, and always
will be, children. The blank is
greater and heavier for me, just
in proportion as you have always
been self-forgiving, and ^{long} placed me
in trusts of the others before you
ours; may the great Carols be very
near to you with this help! By-and-
bye, when you have had time to

rest - and get your balance again - for
trouble makes many of us lose our foot-
-ing for a little - I shall be so patri-
-ot if you will tell me how things
went towards the end - I trust it was
a time falling asleep - and what
plans you are making for the future.
I know that your brothers and
sisters will do all for you that they
can; but still - . One feels so
helpless in the day of trouble, and
can only fall back on the higher
strength. But you are not to write
till you feel really able, for I can
wait, and shall not misunder-
-stand. My love and sympathy to
you all; and I am always - always
most affectionately yours

Ever faintly,

Is Ruth's work still on the walls
of the Ruth's Cottage? I don't think she
was any far away in these last weeks.