

tell me.

Affectionately yours
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My dear Clare,

I found your letter when I reached home this evening. It was kind and thoughtful of you to send me the sad message yourself. I am deeply sorry for my old and dear friend, and for you who have been so devoted to her, and I hope that the rest of her days may be free from pain and discomfort.

There must be few

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women who can look back upon so complete and useful a life as your mother's.

Admirable as daughter, wife, and mother, I imagine that she has had all the joys and sorrows that fall to the share of woman, and as she always subordinated her own pleasure and ease to her sense of duty, so she has always risen superior to every grief and every stroke of adversity. You and your brothers and sisters have been

most fortunate in having such a mother, and I am sure when she sees you all about her, no feeling will be so strong as her satisfaction and happiness in her children and her grandchildren. Please give her my love and tell her how grieved I am to hear that she is so seriously ill.

You now have capable brothers and brothers-in-law, but if there is anything I can do for you, now or at anytime, I count on you to