Mangalter, Manse 9th July, 1861 Maryculter, Manse 9th July, 1861 My Dear Nephew, My Dear Nephew, letter of the 18" June containing the I received your letter of the 18th June containing the solemn and solemn and affecting intelligence of affecting intelligence of the death of your the death of your mother, and commother, and communicating also the death of municating also the death of your grand. your grandson after a protracted illness. I wish to express my son after a protracted illness. I wish sympathy with you and Mrs. Bower, and the sympathy to express my sympathy with you and of us all under these bereavements. My Bower - and the sympathy of us Under sore trials we must feel, and are allowed to feel, all under these bereavements. Under but happy it is when we are enabled to improve them sore trials we must feel, and are allowed to feel - but happy it is when we are enabled to improve them

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