

Berlin, October 18th
95.

My dear Kelly

AL/3777

I hasten to assure you
of our sincere sympathy with your
loss, of which your letter has just
informed me. In fact we do in
a certain sense feel it as a loss
of our own, as far as my mother
and I are concerned, since old
friends belong as much to the
intimate sphere of one's life almost
as near relatives.

For you the gradual enfeeblement

and decline must have been
a beneficent preparation for
the inevitable end, leaving room
enough for the natural grief
of children, but depriving it
of the frightful shock of suddenness
and the bitterness of desolation.

It is good to think too, that
you were so near to your mother
and father at the time. I suppose
your mother will remain at
Brighton for good now and be

consoled by the constant winter
course with so bright and busy
a life as yours.

My mother and Alice have only
come back to Berlin about a
week ago and the former is still
suffering from a cold she caught
in consequence of the change.

Both she and Alice charge me
with all they would say on
the occasion to you and your
mother. Please do the same for

me with regard to your troubles
and believe me with warmest
sympathy

Yours affably

Alfred C. C. C.

P.S.

I am extremely busy,
the winter term having just
began and all getting into
full swing.