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My dear Mr. Purcell

I thought it my bound  
duty of me to write to  
you to express your sympathy  
in my sorrow. The end  
of such a friendship, - 34 years  
of mutual love & affection, - is, of course,  
almost a mortal blow, & I  
shall not to have had I see

to me witness the one who  
has shown us by thoughts  
& feelings so long. But I am  
very thankful that the pain  
of loneliness is mine, - not  
hers as I would have been  
had I been first & she been  
left alone. She died calmly  
& bravely resting on us  
& telling us we should not

be separated. Her doctor  
said she attended "I am  
seen a great many people die -  
but I am never seen men  
or women die so bravely  
as she did."

For such a friendship as  
I have enjoyed - & it's parallels  
close, are all but bless  
God -

I love dear Mrs

I am so glad to hear  
that you & your  
family are well & happy.  
I see you are already back in  
London.

Miss Palmer has sent  
me a volume of her books  
for \$10. I am sure you  
will find much pleasure  
in them.

I am in hopes you would have  
been in the city W. D. Kelly  
the volume of his article when  
it appeared in the Standard  
and so making what you  
would make it. W. J. writes my  
good sense - but says he will  
not discuss epigrams appear.  
W. D. Kelly