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Jan 11<sup>th</sup>/94

My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I valued yr kind thought  
of me deeply. I have lost  
a very dear friend, and  
one who never prevented me  
feeling this home, and this  
does not always happen.  
My father is wonderful, tho'  
sadly crushed. He has al-  
ways been so absolutely  
dependant on his wife that

ent  
it is mysterious why he  
oh twice have had such  
suffering. I got the news in  
Edinburgh within ten minutes  
of starting for London, & at  
once turned. I had a sixteen  
mile drive in a dog cart  
in that snow, thro' country  
wh. made me think of the  
Massacre of Glencoe! I  
don't think I ever saw our  
country looking more grand

My father agrees in the  
main with Dad Grey's letter  
& feels <sup>the words</sup> ~~to~~ have been put  
rather in a hole by the ~~of~~  
Commons. Believe me

Yrs very sincerely  
Francis Balfour

I shall be in London  
Friday night