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My Dear Brother

Your very kind letter was received last night and it was doubly welcome from its expressions of sympathy and generosity which do ^{not} come amiss during the days of such trials and afflictions as we have been passing through I can assure you that the loss of our little darling Gracie is a terrible blow to me for it seems as tho' my brightest light had gone out not that I do not love the other little ones, but Gracie was allways the first to meet papa with a smile and kiss as I came home at noon or night and she allways slept with me and hardly a night would pass it matter not how late I went to bed but