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most terrible to loose him thus, without a moment warning, terrible for us, but thank God, not so to him. He had lived a pure and holy life, walking humbly and consistently in all things, & now we cannot but feel that his sudden death was to him sudden glory. Our loss is indeed great & irreparable, he was the very best of sons & brothers, so good & true, so brave & gentle, with his splendid talents, & all his knowledge & learning, as lowly in own eyes & opinion of himself as a child. Loving, unselfish, with a wisdom & judge=ment far beyond his years, courteous in all things & ever ready to help anyone & everyone, in a word, a highly cultivated Christian gentleman. It is so hard to see why such a one should have been taken in all the bright promise of his early manhood, & with the prospect of such a useful noble life before him. It is a deep mystery, which we can never solve here; and can only try to say with regard to it, 'thy will be done'. Forgive my writing thus fully to you, dear Mr Morris, but your past kindness has been so great, I feel I may tell you all about my lost darling. He was with me in June at Wonersh, & on hearing you & Mrs Morris were there, raced you out, but to our great disappointment only in time to find you had already left for Malvern. I am writing you a long letter but you will be glad to hear that my eldest brother returned to us in safety in November, after four years absence in the Cape, strong & well. It was a sad homecoming for him. My mother is pretty well in health, better since getting Edward with her once more.