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Stone Buildings.

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My dear Clark.

I was exceedingly  
sorry to notice that you had  
lost one of your little ones.

It must be a great trial to  
both you & Mrs. Clarke & both  
Mrs. Featherstone & myself. -  
Sympathize with you & wish  
you to envy our sympathies  
to Mrs. Clarke.

When I look my youngsters  
I wonder sometimes whether  
they will always be spared  
to us. I hope they may for  
I feel so fond of all of  
them that I do not know  
what I should do if I lost one

of them. However it is  
not in our hands to keep  
them & however sad if your  
loss may seem you must  
try and think and believe  
that it has happened for  
the best -

Hoping Mrs Clarke is  
keeping well

I am my dear Clarke

Yours very truly

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