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32 Heymouth St
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My dear kind friend

I want to thank you for your letter, for the true estimate you have of my good husband - I have no where seen such justice done him. It wanted your keen appreciation to understand one, who did himself so little justice -

Your letter was like a gleam of sunlight. I had been tramping through a thick & heavy mist a day or two ago. Your letter came like a ray of light.

I have made a copy of the letter for my children. The original I shall never part with.

On Friday we took my dear son to Sandgate, and laid him in a quiet beautiful place - taken his coat a little boy, he used to stay there could some kind old relations - he loved the place, and whilst we were at Sandgate was continually drawn there in a chair. His old friend & brother Commissioner Webster - Sir J. Pauncefote Breyers old pupil Phelps & my son, were the mourners. - Montague was only able to come here on the Thursday, so I had

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all the arrangements to make. This however I am
used to. Both & I went to Fenally & chose the
ground. The Friend I asked his services of, said
he was afraid to undertake it.

Then I came home from Bournemouth. I
saw at once a great change. Bryan left his
right hand with his left to show me, what had
happened. He fell asleep, on Friday - and awoke
Sunday at 4 in the Afternoon, never opened his
Eyes, (we fed him with Milk & Wine) he then, soon
as I saw him, died.

Every one has been very kind. The Lehman's above
all, anxious to serve us. We have had a
terrible week - one day, 45 people called & sent -
Browning is in France. I send you, dear friends
the Atheneum, when you have read it, be kind
enough to return it to me.

Yours very gratefully

Anne. B. Procter

You would see in the Daily News, a very mean,
vulgar article by Miss Martensou.
My love to Lady James