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Dearest Mother
Just a line of love to thank you so much for your little note to me personally. It meant a great deal to me and I hope that the fact of my being married now will never make the least difference between the love that I have always shared. I do not think, in fact I am sure, that it has not made me feel one bit different as far as our ties are concerned and the love I have given (and get from) Sarah has, as you see, been latent and in no way takes away from or lessens my own feelings of love and admiration for the most wonderful and devoted Mother that any man has ever been blessed with. In fact I think my love for her has made me realize more fully what you have been to me since I have grown up and how wonderfully satisfying our family life under your sweet supervision has been ~~every day~~ ~~to get up~~. Both Wood & I have been slow in tearing ourselves away from it although I do not feel apart and now and know I shall be long as you and Father are spared to us and I pray that it may be for many a long year yet.

