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My dear Sir,

I have just returned from a
tour in Russia to hear of the death of
your son, whom I might almost call
my friend. Though I am a comparatively
stranger, I cannot refrain from
sending you my heartfelt sympathy
and my deep sense of the heavy
loss we have all experienced in
the premature end of your son,
whose fineness of nature and noble
promise were unsurpassed by any
one of my acquaintances. Within
the last year I have had many
memorable conversations with
him on matters of profoundest
interest to us both, and his
exquisite spirit - his deep

religious sentiment, his
ardent hope to accomplish
something for the elevation
of mankind, awakened
my earnest esteem.

Such blows as these
are meant by the All-wise
Father to work their sacred
ends, and cannot be
purposeless; but it will
be a long time before we
can feel anything but
the pang of grief at the
thought of the loss from
among us of them who
enhanced so much the

value of Society. It is a
source of sadness that I can
now only owe his grace
Say Farewell to one of
the finest Spirits I ever
knew; but I do so in
the full faith that such
a soul cannot perish and
can pass only to the fairest
Valms of the Universe.

Faithfully yours

M. D. Conway

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Monroe D. Conway

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preacher, author)