

25, WILTON PLACE.
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Nov 14/54

My dear Gray

I do not know whether you will receive by this post from other sources the sad news of Hooker's bereavement - Mr Hooker died suddenly yesterday afternoon. I was over there in the morning and went up to the drawing room to consult Mr Hooker about some of my family matters when she was in her usual health and spirits and as usual most kind and friendly and this morning coming out to New I was met on the bridge by the sad intelligence. I found poor Hooker sadly cut up he was in town on business at the time Harriet was with her mother and the poor girl is exquisitely affected

I feel the loss very much I had been
a great deal with Mr. Hooker this
year - at Florence and at Belfast
and I believe she never had a
happier twelvemonth than this
last one - Gratified with her
husband's position pleased with her
family and friends - ever at work
and with fewer anxieties and better
health than usual - she had but a
few moments uneasiness at the last
before she became senseless - it is
supposed a heart attack so that she
has been spared the long lingering
illness she dreaded for her old age
but she is a terrible loss to her husband
and family. I will write again soon.

Ever yours sincerely
George Deutham



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