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THE PRIME MINISTER

17<sup>th</sup> January 1882.

My dear David,

Words and kind thoughts  
do count. and they are of great  
comfort. Thank you so much for  
writing. One needed kind messages  
during those troubled days.

We were lucky - and we  
recognise our good fortune. All  
other worries have somehow taken  
on a different perspective. But I

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Know how grief-stricken  
parents must be if their families  
are not restored to them. And  
the year has started with such  
terrible disasters.

In the end personal friendships  
count more than anything else in  
life —

Yours ever

Raymond

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