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Bedlington  
Northumberland.

My dear Mr. Armstrong.

Thank you very much for  
all your sympathy in our fraternal  
we know that you truly feel for us  
as you understand so well alas!  
what we are suffering & shall always  
suffer = our two dear splendid boys -  
for I loved Gordon like my own son  
& share in my poor Alfred's overwhelming  
sorrow - He is stricken indeed, & seems  
at the end of everything - the light of his  
life has gone out & for 28' years

Gordon had been his joy & pride -  
It is an overwhelming grief - though  
we know "all is well" with him we  
cannot but sorrow for ourselves -  
our irreparable loss - our blanch &  
desolate lives - It is anguish to  
know we shall never see his dear face  
or hear his cheery voice again - but  
we try to be brave as he would have  
wished - Surely so good & fallent  
a man is now among "the saints of God  
without fault" & that radiant young  
spirit is being perfected beyond the  
veil - We were so proud of him

as you were of your Pat. & we knew  
they w<sup>o</sup>ld both do great things - Perhaps  
they have done the greatest thing of  
all in giving their lives for others.  
We are thankful for the mercy of our  
beloved God's painless death & that  
he was carried back at once - His  
grave is in Duhallow Cemetery on the  
Canal Bank N.W. of Gpres. & a special  
Cross is being put over it - So when  
this terrible war is over we can go  
to see where our dear one is laid -  
We know you were very fond of him



So - & our mutual sorrow draws us  
together - Thank you again for  
your real sympathy - with love

Yours affectly

Alice Eldon.