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TAMWORTH, N.H.

My dear Sam Tarbox.

Bert has written
me that you dear
mother has come to
the end of her long
and useful life
here. I know her

going from you is
a keen sorrow
even though I doubt
if you can really
wait to see her back

(2) in her weakness of
body.

I know she has
always been a won-
derful mother to you
and that you have
mine for all your life.
Mine left us twenty
five years ago, and
I have never come
to feel the need
of her help and
counsel and love.
Mothers are so

truly our best friends⁽³⁾
- always so charitable
towards our faults,
so appreciative of
our virtues, and
so sympathetic in
distress come. It
is a love so quiet
that, after they are
gone from sight, we
never really lose
it. It is an immortal
gift. Sometimes
after these twenty five

(4) years, I have a beautiful
dream of my mother
and it cheers me for
days -

How proud your
mother must have been
of you my dear friend!
Your splendid work must
have given her great joy
and I know the memories
of your close and beautiful
relationship will comfort
and inspire you always.
God bless you!

With deepest sympathy
and warm affection,
Faithfully yours, Martha Lenox.