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My dear Anthony,

The cessation of physical suffering, though to be welcomed by loved ones and good friends, leaves a sudden gap which only the balm of time will repair and then only partially.

I hope that the wellwishing of friends may help this cause to which I lend my effort. So I send you and your brothers, so caring and assiduous over a long period, but particularly in the last weeks, my deep condolences on Nick's death, extending them to the other members of his family and supported by Grizelda.

I admired Nick for his courage in not letting go and for apparently having a high disdain for the physical drawbacks he encountered over such a long period.

The expression of his views was always outspoken and backed up by scholarly insight. He must have been a formidable teacher. Woe betide anyone who challenged him on the East End of London which he knew so well.

We stand with you to do honour to his memory.

Yours ever,

David.