

Ans

Dear Laura,

I was so distressed
to hear of your mother's
death when I got back
here - I never knew her
as well as I would have
liked but always liked
and admired her so much -
She seemed to have ^{be} such

a rare mixture of the great-
est kindness and such sterling
good sense and understanding -
I hate to think of how
unhappy her loss must have
made you -

Yours very sincerely,
Constance Elmslie