



South Bethlehem
Penn.

June 7th 1896

My dearest Love,

I am not unmindful of the fact that this is the 7th of June and that it is just twenty years since we began our married life. We have in that time, darling, had much of joy and much of sorrow, but through all you have ever been the same self-sacrificing devoted wife & I love you a thousand times more than at the beginning. We spent most of yesterday in New York and came on here last evening. In N.Y. we found

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Peterson and went down to
the steamer to see him off
& I was afterwards as to meet
Douglas in a car just when I
was on my way to his office.

We lunched with the Wileys
(publishers) at the Engineers' Club
and then hurried off to our
train.

It was very thoughtful of you
to telegraph to New York and
I was very thankful to know
that dear Poppy was so much
better. I was really afraid
to open the telegram. I
shall think of the other
Metc's party as on their way
to-morrow and am greatly
grieved that it has not been
possible for you to go with
them. By the way I have
not the remotest idea what
I did with the extra tickets

for Mitis. I ³ may have put
them in my table drawer, or
may have left them in ~~the~~
dressing room. If you come
upon them kindly put them
where they will be safe. I
am also wondering what
was done about the plants
which Willshire was to send
to the train for Mitis on Friday.

Last evening, after our arrival
here, we walked up to Dr
Drowns and were most
cordially received by Dr
& Mrs D. They have also
asked us all to dine with
them after church ~~the~~ to-day,
and we are all going.

They have a charming home
in a charming situation. I
hoped to see ~~me~~ my old
friend Davenport here and
possibly may still, but he

went to Philadelphia
 yesterday morning and is
 not expected back until
 to-morrow. There is a
 good deal to be seen here
 and we shall certainly not
 set away before to-morrow
 evening. Mr McDonald
 now talks of going to Washington
 but I am anxious to get
 home ~~best~~ in case you need
 me there. Mr McD. has been
 remarkably well and enters
 into everything most heartily.
 He is most kind too and is
 quite cross if one even suggests
 paying a car fare. I think
 he has enjoyed the trip so far
 and if people are as polite to us
 in other places as they have been
 here & in New Haven ~~to~~ I am sure
 he will be pleased.

Ever your loving husband
 Bernard.

If you think it best for me
 to return before the rest of the
 party I can of course do so.