

This letter  
written on 20<sup>th</sup>  
arriving in  
wednesday they being  
then 2 weeks & 2 days

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Dearest — Bernard

I wrote you a few hurried lines last night & sent them to Philadelphia, as I doubted their reaching South B. & thought that receiving no news there wd amount to good news.

We had a long & severe thunder storm last night, which really terrified me on baby's account but I shut windows & doors tight at the first warning & took baby into my bed & laid my hand over his ear & sang to him softly, & more loudly when I perceived a clap & he never really woke till it was over & it seemed to me to last far hours. Then he made a little fuss about the rain & clatter of wet leaves, but soon was hushed off again.



It really was drall to see  
Dr Deeks unfeigned surprise  
over baby - & when Dr B came  
in a little later he questioned  
me so about all he said, &  
quite checked over the way  
baby had failed to fulfil their  
views - now he wants Sterling  
to examine his eyes, he says in  
certain cases of brain pressure  
there is perceptible swelling  
in the membrane back of the  
eye - & that might give them  
a cataract, meanwhile the child  
looks well & happy, & he has  
been kept in bed as on my  
knee - his hernial part prevents  
him walking, but it is healing  
nicely - I ought to supply good  
counter irritation. he is much  
interested in it, & is most friendly  
& amusing with Dr B -

Every one has been very kind  
taking the little girls off for  
days & half days - I only wish  
the whole story had not been  
noised abroad, but Aunt  
Mary & Mrs Deulof were told by



the children & it flew round in  
no time. I hope Keeth's mam  
won't suffer she was very upset  
& last night lay awake in  
apprehension of Pappy's being made  
worse =

Tomorrow morning - Kate  
Clare & the three younger ones are  
to go closer to Inetis - It seemed  
best to do so - & I shall stay  
till we see what next -

Mary J. says "Andre" reports  
the disputation going on well  
& Mr Mc D. in good spirits &  
so on. Do take all the refresh-  
ment & pleasure you can - I  
am all right - & take the full  
comfort out of baby's happy ways  
& well looks. The med. profession  
may be entirely wrong - as to serious  
brain trouble - & even if not -  
I shall wait - till I must think  
of it - before I do = It is in God's  
hands & I feel perfectly confident  
that His way is best, & I wd. chose  
it, if I cd. chose - The world being  
full of sin & evil, & enemies to our  
best peace, He cannot always  
lead us home by an easy way  
but it is the best way - & we shall



see it - is on day - I am content  
to believe it so now.

And today it is 20 yrs  
since the wedding day! Does  
it seem so long! I scarcely  
know. If we had Eric with  
us fulfilling the promise of  
his youth, & Edith, with her  
beauty & charm - I don't know  
that I wd care to alter other  
things, or have more means,  
or less - small cares - but might  
like to have made less of them  
but I think I have really  
been thankful for, & rejoiced  
in the children, & the living  
for them, & one must take it  
day by day - I cannot look  
forward, since Eric went. It  
seemed so impossible & his  
future seemed so sure & safe  
for success & honour. We know  
so little of how he serves, &  
develops now - I would cer-  
tainly think that we are not more  
eager to go to the other shore &  
find the fulfilment & solution  
& certainties we have not here.

All love dear - & every blessing  
& help for us both to make the  
nest - 20 yrs - better, if they are quite