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W B Day
Dear Ida,

I thought this morning I would send you a telegram of love and congratulations and best wishes on the event of your 80th birthday, then I did not feel whether to address it to your apartment in New York or to your home in John. quite likely the latter for an occasion like today but I finally decided to write these

We seem to have no choice nor part in our birthdays. they steal in on us year after year without thought or question until, all at once, we come face to face with a startling new figure which gives us pause to consider. I have had that experience and, without doubt, you have and more and more as the figures advance one questions what it is all about.. If the answer never comes, there is still enough left to think about. and on this special day I have thinking for you. It is a gratifying and happy thought as one looks back upon your ~~years~~ ~~with~~ ~~and~~ ~~standing~~ ~~achievement~~ ~~and~~ ~~recognition~~ ~~results~~ Personally you have been and are admired and honored and beloved. Every person who has once been your friend is always your friend and their names are legion and they are scattered far and wide

I wonder if it is not worth while living to be 80 to know a few of the things, before and, afterward.

Know some of these things.

Too often, if at all, they are said afterward.

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Dear Ida,

I wrote the enclosed sheet just a week ago today on your birthday. Just at the point I left off I decided to send the telegram anyway and did so, I hope it reached you along with the many others which you were bound to have. You cannot fail to be gratified at attention and congratulatory notices which were showered upon you on this occasion of changing the first figure of your age to another decade. I was much interested in the Herald-Tribune and Times articles and I suppose there were others which I did not see. Thank you for the copy of the Villager. I was interested even aside from the tributes to my dearly loved friend because I had never seen one before.. There is a freshness and spontaneity about it all to my mind which makes it all seem heartfelt and sincere. And certainly it has all been voluntary. I am proud of you just as I always have been

I hope you did not get too tired on your visit here and in Meadville where I know you had a very busy time. I did not see nearly so much of you as I wanted to but here too I knew there were certain things you wanted to do and had to rest between times because recuperating from illness. We were under a handicap ourselves doing very light housekeeping and going out for most of our meals because our maid was away on a two weeks vacation. I did enjoy our nice visit and I hope next time you come you will be at our house for at least part of the time. And don't wait too long before coming. You will surely need to look up more in the Drake Museum. I hope you have good reason for coming in case

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um in case you need areasonmore than the fact that you would like to come and we would like to have you

The weather has been marvelous for the season and we have had some beautiful rides about over the hills Yesterday we were along the Allegheny with Margaret Bayliss We went mostly off the main roads hoping to see deer but were not so fortunate as some of our friends who have seen them in singly or in groups up to 7. but we had a beautiful ride even without the deer. Margaret is a lovely girl and she seems particularly fine just now in rising above her latest sorrow. George is missed every where but his death seems to leave Margaret particularly alone Fortunately she is very fond of William and Elizabeth and they will be a comfort to her as well as to Ella they are lovely children.

I am sorry to say that Addie Potter is in the hospital very miserable with an attack of shingles They are certainly something to be avoided if possible. I remember that your mother had shingles once upon a time and within a few months, I have known a number of people to have them. Nobody recommends them

I am sure Iris has written you about Jennie Martins death She had been very ill both mentally and physically for some time and no one can regret that her troubles are over.