

Ada C. June 17, 1893

My Loving Bertha

Accept my thanks, not only for the souvenir enclosed in the ribbon which loving hands had so neatly tied but also for the tribute paid on this quarter century anniversary. It was such as could come only from you who are best acquainted with my inward life. While your pointing to my character causes me to think of my many imperfections, yet I find in your words the elements which strengthen and build up those very imperfect blanks.

Alas! I look into the future but you are helping to open that great seal and I trust ere long to see at least an outline of the life work of both of us as one. Your twenty five years have passed and it seems some how in the scale of preparation, but I realize that all the advancement to a great extent has been done in the last seven months. I trust that when the next anniversary shall have come it may witness us in possession of a happy home having been occupied a number of years.

and instead of thinking of our
days of usefulness being about a close
we may feel youthful and press
boldly forth in to new lines of
thought and work. I hope to never
see the time when I shall not
relish study. Yes I know we love
each other I really every day that
the tendrils of your nature reaching
out toward me are firmly cemented
and entwined in my very life.

I trust that there may never
be any occasion neither in life
nor in death for tearing away those
tendrils. I believe God is pleased
with our decisions and wishes us
to be happy together. It pains me
to think of our separation this year
but perhaps our life work may require
separation after which much of the
time so we will have that much
training and there let it may be
the medium of showing in a limited
way how much we love each other
therefore I shall not hesitate more
trying to express my love and admi-
ration for you (of course it is impossible)
May God bless you and make
your life even more beautiful for Him.
Your Love, P. H. Harris