

Envelope addressed to: Mr. E. Foster Cooke, Wellesley, Mass, U.S.A., postmarked August 16, 1904

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My dear Father

It is a great disappointment to me not to be in Wellesley this year on September 1st to assist in celebrating your ninetieth birthday. As that seems impossible I will send you these few lines to carry loving greetings and to express the hope that you will keep well until I can myself wish you "Many happy returns of the day." You have lived a long and a good life and your children deeply appreciate what you have done for them and for their dear Mother. It is certainly very fortunate that we can all be together in Wellesley under such pleasant circumstances, and I assure you I am anticipating my homecoming and [] being with you all again. Mary and Mabel will be relieved to hear that I have secured passage on the Hohenzollern sailing from Genoa the 25th. This boat is due in New York September 7th, so about a week after your birthday you may expect the presence of your loving daughter

Helen Temple Cooke