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Dear Mother:

Remembering that on the coming Tuesday will be your birthday, the 91st in your long experience of life, I set Frederick and Eileen to work on their letters; and as they have just finished them, it becomes my turn to see what I can do. If

I can get this little letter of mine written in time to get it off in the afternoon mail, I calculate that you should get our letters on your very birthday, which would be a happy coincidence, or something of the sort. First of all I want to congratulate you that under the good providence of God you have been preserved to us, your children, through so many long years till you have attained not merely threescore years and ten, but four score years and eleven - a truly wonderful and remarkable such as few ever reach. May God's richest blessing be and abide with you on this notable day, and may you be happy not only on this day but throughout the remaining days of your life, whether they be many, as we hope, or few! I hope that you will have around you on this occasion as many of your children and grandchildren as are within reach, and that they will all contribute to your joy and good cheer. While I must necessarily be absent, I assure you that my thoughts will be with you and my prayers will ascend to our good and gracious Lord on your behalf. I am only sorry that I cannot send some nice and useful present to you; but at any rate you will know that my heart is in the right place and that I appreciate more than I can ever tell you our good old mother. We are having beautiful weather just now.