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My Dear Maud- (Koehler)

This writing of May 29th stikes me back to May 29, 1865 when your little wee bit of a beginning was ushered into the little house farther down on the North Esplanade - well - while you gave thirty-one years to your dear mother & father - and married what the world calls late - yet I think plenty early--And however happy this first year with your chosen Louis may have been - you doubtless do not regret the waiting for the final consumation of your love -- Well it makes me happy to feel that you & he are happy - And I trust every year will bring added cause for added enjoyment of each other! Here I stopped & hunted through the several book-shelves to find Charlotte Borite's "Shirley" but alas it wasn't any where--but the idea of what I wanted to give you was that a marriage would be happy provided that after the delusions & illusions of love had passed--there were real character left in each on which could be founded a true & lasting friendship--I'll get the book down town this very P.M. I found Jane Eyre & Lillette but "Shirley" is gone.

Well I wonder if your mother is still with you - & if she isn't going to be at home to see her baby-boy married? I have written your father that there is to be an Anthony Lapham-and a Read-Richardson reunion at Adams- on Thursday July 29th The Berkshire County Historical Society has invited me to be there - the meeting is to be held in the fron door yard of grand-father Anthonys old house - which you will remember we visited in the summer of 1889- I hope he & your mother can be there - and I wonder if your Louis can't get a furlough - so you can both come over also: Niece Susy E. is now at their Cape Cod house-Wianno-Miss Shaw is to be there a week hence on her way to join Susy E. I want them both to be at Adams July 29th

Well with lots & lots of love - I am as ever

Susan B. Anthony