SIDE ONE

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My dear Wife

Murray Chester is quiet and self possessed, but I think even he must have been startled from his propriety last Evening. I had taken tea with Chester & Sat with him till 10½ o'clock and had gone to the Corner on my return here, when some one stepped up behind me & asked for the direction to Dr Morris. I recognized the voice and with my usual thoughtless energy, turned round, threw my arm round him & dragged him into the house before he well knew what was to become of him. I was greatly relieved by his account of his sister & Jane, Chester and yourself & he had been hoping at the landing, so that he could repeat all calls. Oh what cause for thankfulness to the Sovereign Ruler of heaven & earth to whom pertaineth. We owe so many blessings! Shall we receive blessings at His hand and not look for sorrow also? Where He loveth He chasteneth. Well here

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