

Talmadge, Ohio

Oct. 15, 1883

Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Sanders

My Dear Cousins

We have today received kind invitation to attend your "Silver Wedding" which we would be delighted to accept but for the many many long miles that separate us.

I shall think of you though I cannot at this time take my place with others of your friends to see you as you stood just 25 yrs. ago, and present with them my hearty congratulations. Yet I may send love and best wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity as in the past, for another 25 years.

My wish for you is - that you with each member of your dear family be spared to celebrate your Golden Wedding and may this recount more of joy and fewer trials - if may be - than have been meted out to you in this term of married life.

With much love

Cousin Mary C. T.

Greenfield, Mass., Oct. 17, 1883

My Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sanders,

No one of the many friends who will gather with you to celebrate your "Silver Wedding" will more truly wish you happiness and prosperity than I, and I wish it were possible to be present to express in words the extent of the good feeling I have for you and the Governors family. I look back to those early Montana days, with the most extreme satisfaction, and the friendships then formed seem to me much stronger and deeper than any other but family ties, which I have ever known. Next week occurs the 18th anniversary of my married life, and my poor wife has for one half that time been confined to the bed, but she is the very personification of submission and cheerfulness, and is I think even mellowing me down from my roughness. I wish you knew her. She is very feeble now, and I am afraid gradually wearing out. I wish you many many days of happiness and great joy in your boys, who must now be men. Excuse office paper etc. With much love.

Yours

Francis M. Thompson

79 Sawtelle Ave.
Cleveland

Dear Friends,

Your cards for the twenty eighth were received by us this week, later than they should have been because we were out of the city for a few days. Many thanks for your kindness in remembering us. Please accept our congratulations upon this happy event. We hope your lives may be spared to celebrate that rarer anniversary still twenty five years distant, your golden wedding day.

Yours with love and regrets,

Darwin and Helen Wright

Oct. 25, 1883

Bozeman, Montana

Oct. 26th 1883

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sanders

Helena, Montana

Dear Friends:

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of your kind invitation to be present with you tomorrow evening, and regret our absence from the joyous occasion.

May the fire upon your altars burn brightly. May the sun of hymeneal felicity beam more warmly at Love's high noon than at the glow of morning. If clouds have come to lives so closely knit as yours may their Silver linings appear in beauty this night and your faces be bravely set to behold in the years to come their glorious transformation to the Golden.

Cordially

Davis Willson

& Wife

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Weston sincerely regret their inability to be present on the happy occasion of the celebration of the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Sanders; and beg most heartily to express the trust, that their future may blossom with many rounded years of perfect enjoyment, happiness and all felicities.

Helena, Mont.

October 27, 1883.