

Sto. Principe, Cuba July 6 1902.
Mr and Mrs Jesse H. Crosby
Dear Brother & Sister

Your of the 23rd Ult. reached us
a few days ago and I would
say we wish you much happiness
on your matrimonial journey.

We were some what surprised
and very much hurt because we did
not get an invitation Ho! Ho!

I know that the beautiful
images of the ^{happy} past are blending
with the misty dreams of the future
in your perplexed minds.

Peace to thee, fair and gentle
bride! Perchance your spirit

Trembles before the future or sighs
at yielding up the past. It is
well to stand thus timidly hopeful
in the bridal hour. "Life or death,
felicity or a lasting sorrow are in
the power of marriage". Yet yield
not thyself wholly to sadness.

For though

Thine is a path by snares & toils attended;
Yet, Lady, in Thy providence I confide;
Thou art not by mere mortal aid befriended
Prayer is thy stay. Providence thy guide

And should thy coming years with ill
Thou may'st safely abide the storms of life
If the meek virtues of the Christian maiden
Shine forth as brightly in the Christian's ^{life}
Courage then timid bride! God
will go before you into the dreary

future. The prayers of your friends
are also your companions. Listen
to the silver toned voices of those
beloved ones, whose loving hearts
are rising their lives with

wishes for your future good.

Hear them saying as thou art
passing from the home of thy youth:
Sweet be her dreams, the fair, the young
Grace, beauty breathe upon her;
Music, haunt thou about her tongue
To life, fill her path with heaven.

All golden thoughts, all wealth of days
Truth, friendship, love surround her
So may she smile till life be closed
And angel bands have crowned her.

Peace to the also young bridegroom
the "desire of thine eyes" is now thine
own. Deal gently with her, her

^{write}
^{us, a}
^{good}
^{long}
^{letter}
^{soon}

is a delicate and fragile thing
easily broken. Seek a spiritual
union with thy bride that the
strength of thy manhood, blending
with the weakness of her womanly
nature may impart, vigor to her
soul, while she repays thee by
throwing gentle refining influences
over thy spirit. Thus joined to
her in the spirit of true marriage
"Flesh as the hours may all your
pleasures be, ~~but~~ ^{as} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~flowers~~ ^{flowers}
Sweet as the flowers first breath
and close as the unseen spreadings
of the soul" Vaughan.

We extend congratulations and
greetings and wish for you a long and
happy life - Yours Walter & Maggie.