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My dear Day

Your telegram followed me to Vermont, where I had hurriedly gone to visit my folks, and where I promptly collapsed, so that I could not write you fully from there. Last week, on his return to New York, I had a long talk with Mr Williams on the flattering proposition from Mr Gilman and yourself. We went over the matter frankly, and while he does not want to put the slightest obstacles in the way of any personal advancement on my part, he does not see any business advantages in it to our concern and some possible drawbacks. At the danger of seeming unkind and unappreciation of your efforts to give me opportunities for distinction, I have enclosed

after consultation with my mother  
to ask you to release me from  
what may have appeared to be a  
conditional promise. I really felt  
that I must go it easy. In a  
few weeks I must begin the  
preparations for a celebration  
in honor of the 40th Ann. of  
anniversary, and the ease  
with which I keep feeling  
our words are that I must  
restrain my reserves. Will  
you kindly explain to Prof. Gilman  
my somewhat ambiguous  
position

Very truly yours  
Kirschhoff.

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