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Document: *Valentine from Thomas Welsh to Miss Annie Young*

Transcription:

To Miss Annie Young Feby 14th 1848

As lips but feebly can impart,
The pure affections of the heart,
How then shall I my love reveal,
Or speak the joy in thee I feel,
The anxious hope, the throbbing true,
Of pulse that beat[s] alone for you,
Since first in lifes delightful power,
I gazed on objects fair to see,
My breast ne'er felt love's magic power,
Till treasured one, I gazed on thee.

Columbia

Valentine

Analysis: Wiggin

Thomas Welsh was on his way to Mexico at this time, but this is unmistakably from him. He must have prepared it ahead of time and left it for delivery on Valentine's Day. A note, later taped to the bottom says, "From my father to my mother, Thomas Welsh to Annie E. Young [signed] BCW"

This is the earliest indication of a relationship between the two of them. They couldn't have met before the previous September, at the earliest. They were married 2½ years later, on October 24, 1850.

Scope and Content:

A lace-bordered valentine consisting of one stanza, ten lines. The opening lines of the valentine seem to be taken from a valentine poem written by T. Tessier and included in "The Bower of Love or the Compleat Valentine Writer," 1830. Titled, "To Miss Annie Young Feby 14th, 1848." Signed "Columbia, Valentine." Note: Thomas Welsh and Annie Young were married on October 24, 1850.

