

The Pines

Digby, N. S.

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Dear Harvey,

Your letter was forwarded to me here and I am glad to recall those preliminary days of 1889-90. Father was rather tired after the winter of organizing the Hospital and running the University (the Univ. being in straits financially the Hospital paid half his salary) simultaneously, so he took the only holiday of a year, that I remember, until after he gave up the Carnegie Institution. My sister and I had been abroad the previous year, and we joined Father and Mother in Paris in October '89, and from there went to Spain and made the tour of the Mediterranean, 13 separate voyages, including going up to the Nile and to the Holy Land. Constantinople we had to give up, as my sister was one of the first to take the flu ^{in Egypt!}, but we saw almost every other great city on the Mediterranean. We must have

been in Egypt, when Sir William wrote the letter you mention and Father met very interesting people in Cairo. We were back in ~~England~~ by June and went to Commemoration in Oxford, where we had a wonderful week with Mr. Sylvester and Sir Henry Adams, I think it was, and went up also to Cambridge where Jowett & Lidson sat in the same row to receive their honorary degrees. Dr. Creighton was professor there and of course Father was always keen about ~~new~~ men and methods, but the it was not a working trip, such as he made earlier for the University and later for the Carnegie. By July we were all glad to come back and spend the summer at North East Harbor, but I think Father felt it to have been perhaps the most interesting journey of his life. Certainly his lectures the following winter at the old physical laboratory gave me that impression. . . . Did I send you Sir William's letter to Mother after Father's death? If you want to see it send me a line to 513 Park Avenue and you shall have a copy of it, a little later. I have my reservation for Thursday night from Yarmouth. Give my love to Kate. I hope you have all had a good summer. Yours affectionately Elisabeth Gilman