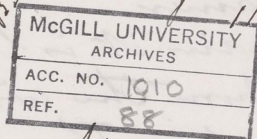


Steamship Sarnia

June 3<sup>d</sup> 1885

H. A. M.



All the children  
heard all their thoughtful  
prayers - including the  
first - home being the  
first to write to me & miss  
you & shall not be able  
to do as now. P.

As you will see from  
the date of my letter we have had  
rather a long voyage. This has been  
due to several causes - 1<sup>st</sup> - The inherent  
slowness of the ship - 2<sup>d</sup> poor coal  
& 3<sup>d</sup> fog and ice-bergs. To avoid  
the bergs we went pretty far south  
and have therefore come by the  
southern end of Ireland. }  
We sighted land yesterday morning  
about 9 O'clock and have since  
had many glimpses of the Irish  
coast, though we <sup>have</sup> not been  
near enough to get any distinct  
views. Yesterday was a charming  
day - bright and sunny and  
only enough breeze to make it  
pleasant. Hundreds of gulls were  
soaring in the air, while the water  
was fairly dotted with fishing-boats

Frequently too we met large vessels under full sail and now and then a steamer.

To-day again it is lovely - not a ripple upon the water and not a cloud in the sky. We are certainly very fortunate in having such weather, considering how often it is foggy on the Irish Coast. If no unforeseen delay occurs we should be on land at 10 o'clock and really I shall be almost sorry for I think this sea-life is doing me good. Our passage altogether has been an unusually calm one, but still for the first five or six days I felt far from well, suffering most of the time with neuralgia. One day I spent in bed. The latter half of the voyage, however, I have enjoyed very much, notwithstanding that few of the passengers are people that one cares for as companions. The ship though slow is really very comfortable and the stewards are attentive and respectful. The vessel being comparatively new also, is almost



free from many of the objectionable smells against which one has to struggle on old musty ships. The bath-rooms are particularly nice & I have ~~indeed~~ indulged in a salt bath nearly every morning since I came on board.

This morning the pilot came on and brought with him the Liverpool papers. As yet I have not had a chance to look at them, but every one is rejoicing over the fact that there is not to be ~~any~~ war with Russia. They say that there is nothing in the papers about Canada, so we hope that the difficulties in the north-west are at an end, or at least that there is no more fighting.

The flowers which your mother gave me adorned my cabin & kept fresh until a day or two ago. Your photo and those of the little ones too I had upon the walls where I could see them

whenever in my room. I have shown them to several of the passengers and they all thought that you had a "very sweet face". They greatly admired the children's pictures too and invariably asked whether Edith was not the flower of the family.

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4 P. M.  
Adelphi Hotel  
Liverpool--

We arrived here about 2 hours ago and I have taken up my quarters at the "Adelphi" for the present. I can assure you it was pleasant to see the green grass and green trees as we steamed in this morning. Less pleasant, however to see all the idlers and loafers about the docks - so many wretched looking people with apparently nothing to do. They seem even more numerous than the last time I was here. After securing my room at the hotel, I sauntered out in search of Mr Crow's office and found it without much difficulty, notwithstanding the stupid directions of a policeman from whom I inquired the way. I met Mr Crow a short distance from his office, on the street, and recognized him at once although