

A. S. H. in  
Montreal with Poppy  
Clare at Hotel



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Dearest Love,

We reached Philadelphia last evening and are at the same hotel as you & I were last year - now a very fine house. Since then \$350,000 have been expended upon the house and a marvellous transformation effected. We have a lovely suite of rooms with beautiful carpets and ~~etc~~ furniture.

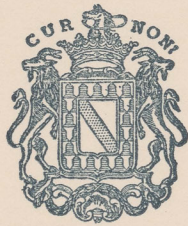
This morning we went to the closing exercises of the University of Pennsylvania and found them most interesting. They were in the music hall - a very large one capable of seating 3500 people - and we were shown into a special box where sat the Provost's wife and a number of her friends. The ceremonies here were

regarded as more than usually interesting from the fact that gowns and hoods were worn for the first time I believe in the history of the university. In the afternoon we went to visit the chemical laboratory and some of the other college buildings & afterwards dined at the University Club with a Mr. Wood. So you see we have had a busy day, and it is now nearly midnight.

I got two letters from you yesterday on my arrival here and was indeed thankful to hear that Poppy continued better. What can be the cause of the difficulty? It really seems as though medical men knew little more about such things than other people. I hope the other children got off safely to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Mexico and that I shall soon hear of them having arrived safely there. I think Florence does wrong in going down so soon and fear that the measles will be passed on to other people's children at Mexico.

I do not think I told you about Bethlehem. It is an old Moravian settlement where many Moravians still survive and lead blameless and useful lives - keeping up many





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of their interesting customs. My  
old friend Davenport lives there  
and came with a very fine pair  
of horses to take us to see the  
steel works where they make  
armor plate, big guns, &c.

We expect to spend to-morrow  
here and then go on to Washington  
for a day and then to return to  
the Windsor Hotel, New York on  
Thursday. We may require a day  
or two there and then will be in  
Boston for at least a day before  
returning to Montreal. My movements  
however, are entirely subject to what  
I hear from you and what you think  
I should do.

Mary Taylor writes that Con is returning  
to you and that is I think wise. She  
seems to have enjoyed having him there  
and says that he is a capital little fellow.  
But I am tired & stupid and must go to bed  
& write to Clara on Sunday and send the letter to Miss  
Love for Ruth & Con. Love from Bernard.