

Grand Canary

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Dear George

We have been here now for a week, doing little in the way of shore excursions, but inhaling an immense quantity of fresh air, & altogether enjoying a very quiet peaceful time.

There are curious islands judging from this one, which we have seen something of, - volcanic in the crudest way, - with more indeed



3) various parts of the W. &  
I. of Africa, as well as to  
South America, & even N. Zealand  
&c. They say that about  
200 ships coal here every  
month, and judging by  
the number we have seen  
come and go, I can believe  
that this is not an over-  
statement. The four ships of  
the British training squadron,  
at present at the Azores, are  
to be here about the middle  
of the month. On shore there  
are two very fair hotels, &  
about a couple of hundred  
English visitors. The climate  
of these isds. is less damp  
than that of Madeira &  
suits some patients exceedingly



well. If the weather is favorable we shall leave here tomorrow or next day, & visit Tenerife, and perhaps one or two of the other islands, probably returning here again for mail &c. before going northward. One more to Gibraltar or to Nice.

My patient is a very pleasant fellow, and as his tastes & views are not unlike my own in many ways, we have been pulling together exceedingly well. We carefully avoid any dirty sight seeing, rather about on board a good deal & generally spend the evenings discussing the affairs of the nations. Everything on board is very



92) That great ash and  
cinder heaps, with sides  
scored into fantastic valleys  
& ravines, by the semi-tropical  
rains. In parts they are  
sandy or bare, with little  
vegetation of any kind & this  
consisting only of cactus or  
other drought loving plants, -  
elsewhere, farther from the shore  
there is more moisture & some  
soil, and vines, the hardier  
grains, mesquites and date  
palms manage to maintain  
a precarious existence.

During the past ten years  
this part, Las Palmas, has  
become an important coaling  
station for ships running to



comfortable and the Cook  
especially, who formerly officiated  
on one of the royal  
Yachts, is an unqualified  
Success.

I trust you have got  
through with the accumulation  
of back work, which I fancy  
you must have found  
awaiting of our accession to  
the office, & will be in a position  
this year to begin to get things  
on a somewhat more  
practical & working basis.  
I shall not venture on any  
field work yourself, or  
leave this to others for this  
coming summer.



Remember me very  
kindly to Florence & wife  
& the boys. They are fine  
little fellows, especially  
(by the way) Owen, I think.  
I hope they will spend their  
winter by keeping them to  
spend at home -

Remember me to G. Hillis,  
& to Dr. Grant if you see him.  
Call to any other of the gentlemen  
whom I met when last in  
Ottawa.  
I am going on deck now  
to inspect two new monkeys  
which have just been  
acquired from one of the  
trading ships at present here.



The mail steamer from  
England, has also arrived  
this morning & we shall  
have I hope another week's  
papers, & possibly letters  
as well -

With all kind regards &  
good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,  
Franklin



The more the more from  
England, has also arrived  
this morning & we shall  
have a safe conduct to  
papers, & so on with  
- will -

With all this & so on  
I am very truly  
Yours  
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