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My dear Cousin Ellie:—

It has been quite six months that your letter has remained unanswered and this warm summer morning I have stayed in to do a little writing. He came to England early in June in time to see all the coronation festivities, when London was quite changed from its ordinary dignity by having

The buildings all faced with wooden platforms with three tiers of seats to view the procession. We had good places for all three of the parades, and it was quite a medieval sight to see the King & Queen with their glittering crowns on their heads riding in a gilt chariot drawn by eight cream-colored horses. The crowds were enormous but so well handled by the police arrangements that only one or two of the nine millions of people in town suffered any inconvenience. It was really an impressive sight, and I never expect to see another like it.

Now, we have just returned from a delightful day up in the English Lake district, where it was lovely & cool & green & full of striking interest, & as it is so hot everywhere on the continent we are making up our minds where to go, only being in London a day or two now while making arrangements. We had in- tended first to stay, before sailing for Rome from here, after attending a Geographical Congress in Rome, but will probably abandon that plan entirely, as that seems to be no more certain now & it does not seem more to go right in the midst of it when some friends who are now at the Italian Lakes are going to change their

passage to a northern port & others have not gone to Italy
either who came over specially for that purpose.
At any rate, cities are to be avoided in mid-summer.
Mrs. Mitchell & her husband came to Europe but we have
not seen them anywhere. I took four courses with her
on Africa, China, the How & Why of Foreign Missions & Japan
& had a class on each of these each winter as soon as I was
prepared to teach it. It is very interesting work & has been
quite fruitful in resulting in creating more interest among
those who formerly took no interest whatever in foreign missions.

We have not heard much from the States of mutual
cousins. You knew I suppose of William Jordan's death at Christ-
mas time. Nettie & her husband are in Europe this summer, but I
do not know where. Emily & Edward would send love & remem-
brances if they knew I was writing to you, but they are both out.
Your affectionate cousin,
Laura Bell

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