

Hôtel des Chevalleyres
sur Blouay
Suisse

Aug 26 - 1929.

My dear Friends, - This envelope has been addressed many days waiting for me to be in the mood to write. We were rather anxious about Gertrude but this morning we had a letter from her written at the hospital. She underwent an operation on the 4th of August and it was only this morning the 26th that we heard that the operation was successful and she is on the high road to complete recovery. Now with that off my mind or heart, - I can write.

I wish we had news of you two this morning. The fact is that our last news from Oberlin was July 22 - No it is better than that for Mrs Dillich sent us from London, clippings from the Oberlin Lib. "L'Événement" which she had received from her mother who lives at Eau Claire

on foot. Of course we do not plan to be out-
evenings. We do take long walks - that
means up hill or down hill as it is hard to
find a single rod that could be considered
level. The English have a great deal to
say about the Americans losing the use
of their legs and feet. They are about right.

But we two are getting hardened up rather
fast. We walked five miles yesterday. Half
that would have lamed me terribly a
week or two ago. I am sure this way of
life is doing us good physically. We have
fresh vegetables from the garden everyday.
I could cook some of them better myself, but
we are thriving. Next month we hope to be
in Munich. It is well to be in excellent
condition before plunging into the
concert season at Munich.

We are having a lesson in German
every day (when possible) to prepare us for
our three months in Germany. It has
been of inestimable advantage to
be able to use French. I am glad
we can be back in France a month

Wisconsin. - Not the most direct. Estouli's
letter was 14 days on the way. Now that I
realize how long it takes, I shall not be
so upset at not having news. Before
this week is over, I expect to have
Oberlin papers and "Time", - several
copies.

I think of you two as having the
most peaceful, uninterrupted time
together. I hope you have a good maid
so you can "vegetate" with as little responsibil-
ity as possible - as little as I have here.
My only chore this morning was to gather up
the few pieces of personal wash and make
the duplicate bills. Everything else is done
for us. I wonder how I can go back home
and do the greater part of the work in a house
as big as ours.

We are entering our third week at this hotel.
It is located high above Blonay which is high
above Vevey. Arthur is doing some work for
which he rented a typewriter. This is an ideal
spot for work. Our last train, a cog-road from
Blonay comes up at 6:45 - if we are caught
down the hill after its departure from Blonay,
we simply have to drink the steek bath

before returning to England next summer.

We haven't been away from home two months yet - but it seems like half a year. - At this rate a year's leave of absence will seem like three. After we get back to city life where there is so much to do, time will run along much faster.

I must thank you Mary, for writing to me from England. We met your ship on the St-Laurence River. I waved my hand at you but of course it did little good. I was glad you were so near home. I am hoping you have found some simple solution of next year's problem.

Sep 7 - I boasted too soon. I was coming down with a cold when I wrote the above. I was in bed two days and I haven't gotten rid of the cough yet. Many in the house & neighborhood have had the same. However I blame myself for getting overheated and then cooling off too soon. I was caught where I really couldn't help myself. Then the

cold got me.

Since writing the above I have had two letters from Oberlin. Mrs. Schumann told me of the happy solution of your problem. If you do not have to work too hard it is just fine. Have you leav — I haven't the least-idea what I was "entraîn" to say - The postman rapped on our door and brot-us two "Tribunes". We now have news up to Aug. 16. It is sad about Norman Metcalf. I am so sorry for the parents, yes and for the wife and children.

We continue to get good news from Gertrude. We are so glad that she is spared to care for her two children. While she was in the hospital, her husband reported the doings of the youngsters. "Petie"

occupies the castle now which held it in the year 900. I saw the family on the train and I think they will continue another thousand years. Nardy, stocky, unpretentious, with the most engaging family of little children.

The names of the towns along the lake seem to me like pet-names, as if they love their country and indicate it in the names - coming east - from Lucerne we pass thro Sully, Pully Sully pronounced in French, they are very musical. - Then Vevey, Claires, Lully, Chamby etc. In a list of towns hit by a storm, I saw the name Marcy. Pronounced French fashion, it falls in perfectly with the list above.

Our bell rings for dinner. We have dinner at seven, just when we would like to be out on our balcony to see the sun set. We see the "Dents du Midi"

came bounding into the house and said. "I like everything, I love the whole world". He was four in July so his "world" is rather small; but isn't it fine to "feel so good"

We love this part of the country. It is not surprising that many English Scotch. German, and other northern people come here to settle. The climate is very fine and the surroundings are heavenly. There isn't any poverty that we can see. The farmers are frugal and thrifty - but they seem happy. The Swiss have none of the horrors of war to live down. Taxation is low, living cheap, and there is no feeling of menace in the air.

Just below us is Blonay, dominated by Blonay Castle. The same families

sharp against the sky to the south east.
South of us are the mountains of Savoie
and over one of them we see the
rounded dome of Mt-Blanc.

Lothie Demuth Williams arrived last week.
Her mother came with her. With two of
Lothie's daughters, they are living at a hotel
at Clairens. They find it the most heavenly
spot they ever knew. We took tea with them
yesterday afternoon and had a good visit,
mostly about modern music and our
various reactions to it.

We are leaving here Fri. (Sep 5) to go to
Interlaken, Lucerne and then Munich
where we expect to remain till the end
of October. Our address for the year
will be Bankers Trust Co 3-5 Place
Vendôme, Paris, France. But don't
feel you have to write, or answer this
tho we are always glad to have news from
friends at home. Best-love to you both,

Yours
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