

Clifton Springs
19 January 1923

Dearest Father,

As usual, my letter writing to you has been largely left to Mother. I wish she were feeling a great deal better than she is. But we are certainly thankful that terrible pain has passed. We seem to think up one ruse after another to keep her here, don't we? Carmen is improving

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have been with you. The other evening as I waited for my train at Geneva I had my one only gaze.

Humphrey went with me to Geneva on Monday to order some new eyeglasses (my others are somewhere under a snowdrift, lost the night of the sleighride). We had a good deal of "ster" time and went down to the Park, which was completely buried in drifted snow. He went ploughing through

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in great style having a grand time. "Come here Mamma - here are Beza and Denis and Altair," he said laughing and pointed to a triangle formed by the tops of three dwarf pines that were covered in snow all but the highest needles. Of course I was delighted.

I intended to write a long letter but it is nearly time to go up to dinner

And after that other things came

but still very hoarse and stopped up, with a good deal of cough. He is the best little patient ever and doesn't fuss at the confinement or medicine. He said yesterday, "let's believe I haven't any cough." (There come for you!)

Thank you very much for all the star clippings. I am disappointed to have continuous cloudy weather - stars only once since I spoke of it before. And Venus hasn't been visible at all so far as I know. How wonderful ^{to} have seen the occultation! I wish I might

up and now it is after three o'clock. Mr. Downy Woodpecker has been tapping loudly at our Suet outside the window but hasn't disturbed Carmie's nest at all, We have chichadees too, much to the boys' pleasure. I wish we could attract other varieties too.

What do you think of all our latest excitement? We have decided pretty definitely that our time here is about ended although in many ways we shall hate to leave. The biggest item is climate: and Friday certainly doesn't thrive on it. We ought

to be able to find a more congenial location. That Arizona letter appealed to us all for that reason - but it is so far away we might as well be in China and we are not eager enough to get into distinctly Pastoral work to jump at it. Mexico City has a good deal of attraction too.

But the suggestion from Mr Schell is more in line with our own idea, and although it is still vague, fits our general ideas remarkably well. We can hardly wait for the next letter! I suppose we would all go directly there, either this Spring or in the autumn.

There are several letters you will be interested in I am sure. If I am not side tracked too many times I'll enclose them.

Percy Stickney Grant seems to have stirred up a considerable notoriety. Don't it too bad when a man of his ability acts so! The harmful influence of such things is more than twice as much good can overcome in years.

How fascinating the search after Egyptian jewels must be! Lindsay and

I both feel as you do about the many^s flaws in the Evolutionary theory. The main idea of growth with purpose all through nature is splendid but a good of the detail, especially with regard to man, is too far fetched to swallow whole. — Neither of us feel as many people do that one's religious faith is in any way dependent upon this or any other Scientific theory. If people believe it, there is no harm in using those terms to express eternal truths — if not, use some other category to say the same thing. God was the same before men knew the earth is round!

I mustn't begin another page now.
Ever and ever so much love, Sister