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The leaves are
brown on Island
in the middle of
the gulls
to the Rhine at
Schaffhausen - when
I had a wonderful
view



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HOTEL MÉTROPOLE,
LONDON, W.C.

August 28 1893

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"MÉTROPOLE", LONDON.
TELEPHONE NO 3203.

Dear Louis

I arrived before six
O'clock this morning after a
continuous journey of 20 hours from
Basle Switzerland, crossing the
Channel in the night was im-
-pression but the journey altogether
was wearisome & of course with
want of sleep I feel rather stupid.
I went to bed at six this morning
& slept till ten. Then after a cup
of coffee went to the bank &
found two good long telling letters
from Wanda & one from Maggie
dated July 25 & Aug. 4. The one
you were to write next day has
not yet arrived, but I hope to
receive it & others by a later

mail. One of the first things I
did this morning was to purchase
a ticket for New York, so I shall
soon be once more at home
I hope, & beneath the stars & stripes
after what seems a long range
of travel in Norway, Belgium,
Germany Switzerland, France
& Britain.

I sail August 16th from Liverpool
on the Campania. Tomorrow
I am going to Ken to see
Joseph Booker if I can find him
then to Edinburgh. & the North
of Scotland. & Melrose Scotch
country. Then to Dundee
again, then with Maffie Tennant
I mean to go to Liverpool to visit
my cousins the two Hays Architects
who live near there & are anxious
to see the great man as they call
me. Then of course to New York

& home, stopping as I suppose
I must a day or two in New
York also a day or two with
Mother. Will be home probably
by the middle of October.

I was surprised to hear that Keith
was home so soon. I think
he went on the trip mostly
because Scott wanted him to go
& paid a considerable part of
his travelling expenses besides
buying his pictures & giving him
that reception. Now than ever
I see it would not have done
for me to have traveled with
him, our aims are so different.

It was tiresome on the continent
not being able to speak the
languages. But everybody used
me well & I found my way
by means of maps & scraps of
bad French without much trouble.

The weather has been very hot
but is now cool.

I am delighted with my Swiss
trip - have been over nearly all
Switzerland & have gained a good
general knowledge of its mountains
glaciers forests & flora. By
my long minute studies elsewhere
I was able to read the main
features easily. - Just as I found

Norman & Switzerland were the
main objects of my long trip -
& I feel that I have learned
more by far than I could have
hoped to do in so short a time.

The Swiss mountains & valleys
are glorious & truly sublime.
The forests & glaciers not to be
compared to our own. The
lakes also are very beautiful
those of Lucerne, Zurich, Neuchâtel,
Thun, Brienz, Geneva, Constance in

particular. ⁵ I also saw much
to interest me in the formation
of the broad plains of Belgium &
Northern France. The people too
were interesting & the old towns &
castles. I'll tell you about them
when I get home.

This afternoon I spent an hour
in Westminster Abbey. Heavens what
a place. Before leaving for the
North I mean to see the Tower
also around which so much of
the history of England centres.

I keep fretting & wondering about
your trouble with your eyes

Wanda keeps telling about the pain
they give you. Do try & find the
cause & take the necessary steps
no matter what - to get rid of it.

Maggie too I learn is suffering
with - frustration from the heat
as I feared she would. Tell her
to go to the coast & never mind the

expense as I will gladly attend
to that when I get back. I'm
glad however to hear that Helen
2nd Helen Darling Helen keeps
well. & that you have a good
teacher for her & Wanda. Tell
Wanda she is a capital letter
writer & that she has been my
mainstay & comfort in keeping
me within touch of home while
on my long lonely journeys.
Even what I can make out
Grandma is about the same
as when I left. I trust you
will all be better with the cooler
weather of autumn. Anyhow you
will soon again have me with
you to ease you of nothing else
How you & Grandma would enjoy
Westminster Abbey. I sent you
all letters from the continent
which I hope you received. With love
Goodnight. Ever yours John Thayer

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