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North of Scotland & Orkney & Shetland Steam Navigation Company.

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"ST. SUNNIVA,"

New Bergen Norway

July 31

1893  
8-30 P.M.

My dear sweet little Helen  
& Wanda. The ship is going  
very fast through the beautiful  
blue water among a lot of  
islands & is shaking so  
much I can hardly write.  
In a few minutes we will  
be at a queer looking Norwegian  
town called Bergen & then  
I will go ashore & send this  
letter to you. Tomorrow  
evening we will start back  
to Scotland where we will  
land about Wednesday night  
then I'm going to London &  
Switzerland & then I'm



going home. I bought  
some nice little things for  
you in another queer town  
called Saranger & in still  
another called Thronheim  
& perhaps I may see some-  
thing you would like in  
Bergen.

I have enjoyed the sail in  
Norway very much for more  
than a thousand miles I  
have been sailing in narrow  
channels between high mountains  
in beautiful scenery. The walls  
of the channels or fiords as  
they are called are about  
3000 or 4000 feet high & are  
covered with heather & grass



+ blue bells + Clarkspurs +  
geraniums + geraniums  
+ Buttercups + many other  
beautiful flowers. Also many  
handsome birch trees not  
very big, + Alder + willows  
+ huckleberries. Wild strawberries  
grow on these high steep  
hills too as well as raspberries  
but there are not many  
pine trees or spruces, nothing  
like California trees.

It is just as if all the valleys  
of California were full of  
water so that we could sail  
about in them.

The farms along the sides  
of the mountains are very  
tiny + small - less than



an acre many of them  
hundreds of waterfalls  
come tumbling over the  
tops of the high cliffs & make  
them very beautiful & make  
all the country joyful.

Some day you must see  
them. The people are good  
& kind but they are not  
troubled much with money

I also rode about 200  
miles through the country  
& saw many lovely lakes  
& two charming & grand  
 Yosemite Valley, called  
Naradul & Romadul  
I'll bring some pictures  
of them God bless you & your  
Darlings Your father John Min