

15 rue Guingand.

Dear Cousin Lucy and Cousin Pierre -

We do thank you for the paper (U.C.) you sent us, even if our late acknowledgment hardly seems it. During the time since we have been back here has fairly flown - & I shd. I wonder where to, now & then, for I can't see any results for it. - no architecture, no drawings - no sketches even. The time from writing you till several weeks after we reached Paris again were much spoiled by means acting for today - who evidently rebelled against Italian food and heat - In fact they made the last week of the way back pretty hard - But now we are both fine & fit & active again. And Ant & the girls now in Rome! and Pam some where in China or India, - at least on his way toward us! If we just stay long

enough we will have our all over. We also
had a visit from Mr. North - whom you remember?
He does not seem to have made much progress
but is as determinedly faithful as ever. His
was so homely it was a mixture of the funny
and pathetic - but due perhaps to the fact of
a long illness he was sent away to recuperate
from. I'm afraid ^{his feelings} it communicated itself a
little & when together, the three of us did
not make a very gay party.

The Beaux Arts courses began the middle
of October - Mr. Magnan's course in the
history of architecture continues - I'm sure
following it soon since the first winter &
its not 'once around' yet. He has
reached the Renaissance in Italy now which
covers much we have been over this summer
& so has added interest. It is really a
fine course & I enjoy it heartily & know
you both would. The stereopticon views are
very good. It amuses a little sometimes
the way he gets along things to spring
from French inspiration or copied from
fine art, but its probably true in a
way.

There there is a course in Construction
with M. Mondet which one is forced
to take in order to go on with the

projects. It is so extensive in scope and
gone on so quickly it eats up nearly all
the time - In fact nothing else is required of
students while they take it. The director of
the Beaumont asked as a favor to the board,
that I should try to reach the 1st Class
before I left, if I could not stay till I
finished the school - & to do that, this course
came in - It finishes in July - & by then
all the other requirements will be filled if
nothing goes wrong, and the 1st Class
will be reached. So we may be coming
home before the end of the year. In some
ways I'd like to go on, - as all the work
so far, has been so largely preparatory to
the real study - drawing ground of mathematics,
perspective, drawing, etc. while the 1st Class
work is all projects - buildings & decorative -
But on the other hand it's been a very long
while away from home - & I know they want
me, - to say nothing personal. Arthur is
young enough to come back again. Arthur
if he wishes. All this in answer to your
question of the last letter.

We hurried Florence better after writing you
that day. we had several heavy storms which
cooked her off and cleaned her as well. & we

did enjoy her from within & from the hills about -
but I choose the fountain of Jupiter in the
Boboli Gardens - to put home in some part - the
would not take the Cathedral or the Podesta,
or the Campidoglio, but that exactly suits our
colouring & life.

We had a wonderful light toward evening
on the Pisan groups - they seemed like fairy
creations then, and spent our evening on
the capacity steps just feeling it in, listening
to the voices as people spoke in the road or
houses opposite, sent back by the Campo Santo.
& saw a misericordian funeral with
trials and the medieval masks & robes.

The Pisan lady who keeps the Saverio church
on the quay's key, locked us in till we
paid her the sum she wished! so we did
not leave with a fair idea of her habits.
Genoa had a very short visit, though we
went all over the town & harbor - but
from there to Paris little the sight seeing
was at a disadvantage. We did not like
this - but had a fine climb over the
old Chateau ^{village} ~~neuf~~ opposite Angoulême, gaining
a good idea of the old fortified chateau
& went all around the old walls of the
town - through the Palais des Papes
is going on to Caen as seen to be so,
many

things you would like to visit. He had to
give up the intended stops at Dijon & Bourg,
& came from Avignon up directly, a twelve
hours ride.

The fair buildings are being pushed right
& day. I don't see that they are going
to have any very striking general effects,
it is so disjointed necessarily as to ground
space - unless it be along the river, viewed
from the river, - where the line of "pavilions
of the nations" etc. - are very picturesque. The
"Grand Palais" in itself, & this, seem the
best points. Our Pavillon on the river
is the poorest looking of all in its
present state. but will hope it improves. It
is getting to be very cold now on the
river boats, too much so to enjoy it.

Talou's Gare is coming on fairly - looks
just like a Beau Art Project - "as
Army says. Its interesting to watch
the street opening where they were
for a time here and there to put in the
tunnels for the Metropolitan - all the
bits & ends of sewers, old tunnels,
aqueducts, cellars, etc. - you see the
ends off. The place I was looking at

tonight in front of the "Conseil d'Etat"
there were eight or ten kinds of old
tunnels at different levels & directions!

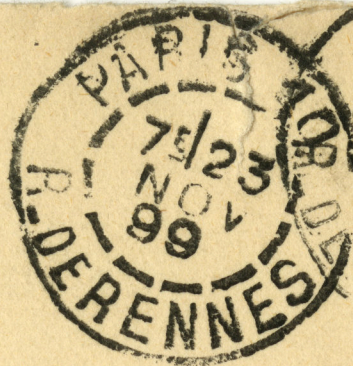
Cousin Mary Letimier did not come
to Paris after all? We have been afraid
she might have been here in the vacation -
We have not heard directly from "Ant"
but a friend of mine's had a letter from
her saying they had arrived safely. I
hope the trip will do "Ant" much good -
there can be no question of their enjoyment.

Mrs Van Belt has her house one floor
I has taken an entire Maison of apartments.
She was very pleasant on a chance meeting
in the street & asked me to call - which
I will try and do soon.

You have now told me the name of)
Little Pierre's little brother - though I am
little Pierre must be a regular little
boy now. I want him to be the picture
you sent me - it has now a real affection,
not just the picture - I hope they are all
well and happy - and all the cousins.
Army sends his bestest regards -
With loving wishes for you both,
Julia Morgan.

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