

754-14th Street

Oakland Jan 2nd 1900

Dear Julia

Your letter of Dec 18th was
only received - the one for "Hanford"
I forwarded to the correct address
309 Casino Ave, Cranford N.J.

I am glad that Sam reached Paris
in time for New Year's day, and from
letters received, I know that you
must all have enjoyed being
together.

You are now better
informed concerning his travels
than we are, but we look forward
to the tales of a traveler which
we trust are in store for us.

I do not envy you the cold
which you have been experiencing
and find even this gloomy
climate too cold. Doubtless it

is for the best, but to me
it is far from agreeable.

I wish to thank you in advance
for the present which you are
sending me by Sam. and I
do know that it is my girls
lovingness for me. How I wish
that my life had been more
successful and that I might con-
tribute to the happiness of my
children. This is a subject which
I cannot dwell upon.

I am glad that you enjoyed seeing
"Sarah" in Hamlet. Sam writes
that he saw the same with you
and other performances.

Your mother will mail the news-
papers containing the proposed
changes in the Hearst Plans
which Mr. Bernard is to make.

It is not yet decided who will
have the control of the building
plans for the Oakland Library - the

Board of works or the Library Trustees. The question will soon be decided and I will keep you informed. There are quite a number of new buildings in course of construction or being drafted for San Francisco involving large outlays. San Francisco is bound to be a fine field for architects. In Oakland very little is going on and that of the cheapest character.

I write you mother & Emma has written to you about our 'fire' last Sunday. Repairs are now being made and we are somewhat upset - the damage was small however.

We are in our usual health. Gardner is doing the social side. We are beginning to look forward to Sam's return and hope he will be with us next month and I at least wish that we could all be together again.

With much love to you & Avery

Yours affely
C. B. Longm