

(Hamilton, Ontario)

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Dear Emmett,

I trust all is well with you and yours. It seems several light-years since I had the pleasure of seeing you in the Old Observatory, but all went well and much as I planned it.

I went straight to Boulder, Col. from Chicago, and had a few pleasant days in the Alpine settings with an old student who now teaches there. The Mormons were highly efficient and organized at Salt Lake City, and I accepted their hospitality and facilities at their Genealogical Library, to trace a few lost ancestors.

After that, I moved on to Seattle, where it rained more persistently than in Manchester. Again, the campus was very much home from home, and I was able to use their files and expertise on the Mt St Helens eruption. The nearest I got to the volcano was Kelso, where they felt the flood, and have now erected a splendid local museum and gallery.

dealing with the catastrophe.

I took the road to San Francisco through the magnificent redwood forests, and spent a few days there in a French place in the old city.

Thereafter I headed for Flagstaff, and teamed up with some young travellers to see the Grand Canyon and the Meteor Crater.

From there it was a marathon trip to New Orleans, the place where I would most have liked to stay for keeps. But I had to move on to Gainesville where I stayed with friends who took me to Fort Augustine and Cedar Key, through the horse farms. I went North then for a couple of days in Washington, where I got into the Library of Congress and the White House. Finally, I dropped in last Friday to the Oriental Institute in Chicago, and the Newberry Library; and saw Niagara in rather clearer conditions than previously, on my way to Hamilton. I leave from Toronto on Thursday.

My best thanks for the notes, very useful, especially for the farm maps. I know you saved to keep it, but I'm lightening my baggage, and you

will I'm sure find it useful yourself, or for another crazy traveller.
Once again, thanks for your kindness in Madison, and all good wishes for Christmas and the coming year. kindest regards - Yours ever - Bill.