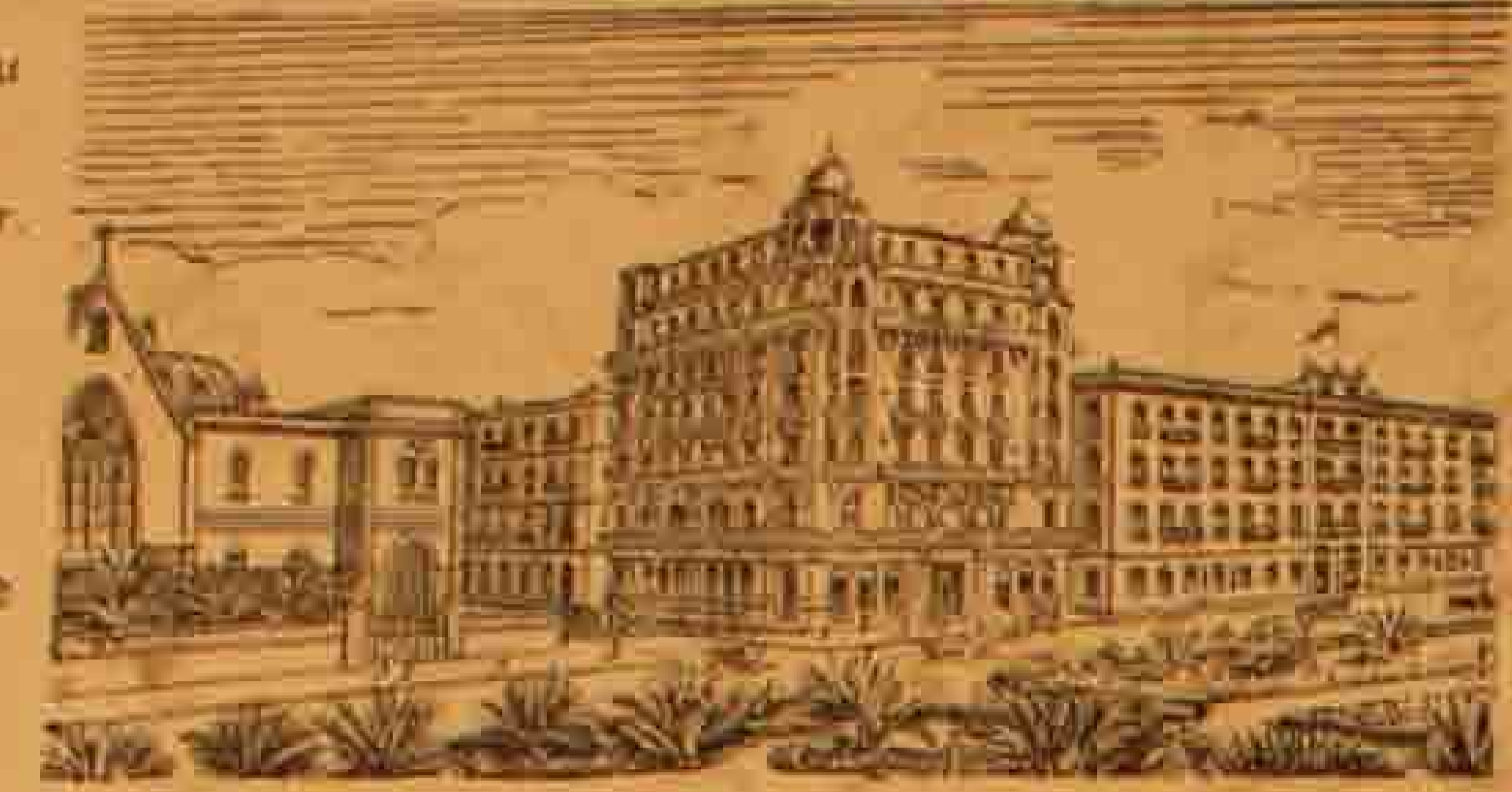


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Dear Marion and Stanley -
After a most delightful trip we've arrived thus far on our journey and are sailing for Italy this afternoon. How I'm going to miss you when I get on that boat! I know I'll be positively homesick for the "Asia", the "moonlight sonatas", the Doctor's candy, etc. Marion, I had a letter at Cairo from the "Second Pursue" and he said

he and "Le jeune Lieutenant" missed us very much and spoke often of us. Now the question is: "What do they say?"

You know without my telling you that I'd have given heaps if you had been with me thru Syria, Palestine and Egypt. I saw so many wonderful opportunities for raising Cain, but alas! alas! I had nobody to help me. You can't imagine how many times I've longed for you. The men have all forgiven me and taken me to their hearts once more, but somehow their hearts seem to lack the necessary number of palpitations

to beat in harmony with mine. Frank McKinney loosened up a bit and occasionally we'd do something as rash as go to an ice cream garden or have a glass of mine - Sak! The ministers don't know it!

Palkeb was wonderfully interesting, as Stanley knows. From there we went in automobiles to Damascus. That was one of the most interesting places we've seen.

Everything was so crowded, dirty, ancient and quaint. We spent four days there - Thence to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Nalulus and Jerusalem. You see I'm just outlining because I can't give any details.

We were in Jerusalem a week, making side trips to Jericho, the Jordan, Dead Sea and Bethlehem. I loved it there - not withstanding the fleas, bed bugs and mosquitoes that insisted on occupying my allotted space. But the funniest thing of all was our donkey ride around the city wall. It was a scene to be imagined but not described. Mr. Welch's knees joggled his chin while my feet didn't touch the stirrups. After four or five fights between the donkey drivers, we were finally pulled, pushed, tossed and



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thrown on our steeds. Each driver seemed determined to have at least three persons mount each donkey. You know I am mortally scared of animals anyway so it was an hour of agony for me. Fortunately my brute was neither energetic nor ambitious. In fact he seemed to be running on three cylinders and having a choke in his feed pipe - But rest assured that I didn't step hard on the

accelerator. It was great as an experience but about as funny as the inscription on a tombstone. It took me about three days to realize the humor of it.

From Jerusalem we went to Cairo. Egypt is lovely now. (The Nile is just beginning to rise) and I would like to spend the winter here. Really it is a most fascinating country. We stayed in Cairo four days, visiting the mosques, museum, pyramids, etc. We rode camels to the pyramids and of course went thru the whole performance of fights, "hakshish", fortune-telling, etc. By the way, Dr.



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Rowland says when he gets home he is going to name his little dog "Babshish", and his kitten "piaster"! And the last word reminds me that I have to begin now to learn "liras", etc. just as I'm about to master this Egyptian currency. It will never again be true if I tell some one, "he's more trouble than my money".

Yesterday we came over here and I'm very much in love with this town. Had a glorious swim in the Mediterranean yesterday afternoon. I've nearly washed myself thin, just because we have hot water in our rooms.

Stanley, I looked for a letter from you, in Cairo, telling me the book you wanted. I suppose if you mailed it it went astray as all our other mail did. If so, I'm sorry.

I'm hoping to find some mail from you when I get home, telling about your work, how you like it, and everything. Just wish I were there with you!

Love and Best Wishes (divides it up anyway you wish!)
Estelle.