

*Extracts from Mrs. Moffatt's Letter to  
Rev. E. M. Hill, Montreal.*

In a letter to Rev. E. M. Hill, Montreal, Mrs. Moffatt writes:—

S. THANE, 16th June, 18

The steamer is anchored some distance from shore, but we do not think it prudent to go ashore, though it is quite close. We can scarcely imagine that we are but ten miles from the Equator. The time has not seemed long in waiting, for it has afforded us an opportunity to write, which we have not been able to do while the steamer was going. The last two days have been feast days in the Roman Catholic Church. This has greatly hindered the unloading, for though the lighters were loaded, the authorities would not pass the goods through Customs. On the whole our voyage has been rather rough, but seriously so, but enough to make one feel miserable. The smoothest part was from Southampton to Lisbon. I know I will wonder whether I was sea sick, and I frankly confess I was.

I enjoyed our stay in England immensely. We arrived on the 12th of May, and left on the 25th. Mr. Arnot and Mr. Lane met us in Liverpool, where Mrs. Currie remained, while I went on to visit relatives in Cambridge. My visit there was very pleasant, both because I received such a cordial welcome and because of the historical associations of the place. Here I enjoyed those old college buildings, of which I had so often read. On Sunday we attended service in King's College Chapel. Before going to London, I spent a few days at Fordham, my father's early home. The same old church has stood there for several hundred years. We were taken through "The Abbey," as it is called, first built in the time of William the Conqueror. There have been many alterations, for the Squire now lives in it. I enjoyed the grounds and garden most of all, being very different from anything I had ever seen in America. There was one large green-house for grapes only. The head-gardener told me, that when nearly ripe, each bunch would be tied up in a paper bag to prevent the wasps stinging them.

Another green-house was for melons, and some were already quite large.

I spent almost a week in London, where I re-joined Mrs. Currie.

We visited many places of interest, amongst them were the British Museum, Westminster Abbey, The National Gallery, Regent's Park and The Tower of London. Through the courtesy of the U.S. Consulate, we were shown through the Queen's stables at Buckingham Palace.