

and could not apparently make enough of us ; when not allowed on our knees, stood up against or walked round us.

The heavy snow-storm of last week destroyed all the grass and flowers ; they were so high when we left that a mule could hardly have been seen whilst grazing, and now they are laid quite flat with not a vestige of their beauty left. The wind was very high as we went up the canyon, so we had to hurry past the patches of aspens growing on the rocks and having very little hold for their roots, which were being blown over unpleasantly near us.

This will be the last letter you will receive, as when once started we shall go as fast as the stage-coach, rail, and steam-boat can take us to England, I having had a telegram which hurries us home.

Good-bye, we look forward immensely to seeing you all again ; but we have had such a pleasant trip throughout, without a single *contretemps*, that we can but be delighted we came, and shall always look back with immense gratification on our six months' sojourn in the Western hemisphere.

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