

Yokohamo, I will try and write you a few lines now although under considerable difficulty as the vessel rolls a good deal.

I am very well pleased with this route thus far. Our overland journey was most pleasant. You will remember we started on Monday afternoon. Monday night, at Port Huron, about 10 o'clock, we met our first and most serious difficulty which came about through over weight in baggage, and some things which we had as baggage which the railroad officials said could not be taken except by freight. The articles were a steamer chair belonging to Mr. Mitchell, and a table and chair belonging to Miss Mackenzie. I tell you this that you might learn by our experience. Should any go by this route again, be sure and have all baggage, which is not required before reaching the ship, bonded to Tacoma wharf. This will save great inconvenience.

Tuesday morning we reached Chicago and spent a delightful day at dear Miss Dryers' Missionary Home, the children getting an opportunity for rest and play, and we receiving much spiritual benefit by our fellowship with the dear, kind Christians who entertained us. We went on to St. Paul that evening, reaching there early Wednesday morning, and spent the day very much as we did at Chicago. A number of Christians were expecting the C. I. M. ladies and insisted that we should come with them. We were treated with every kindness, and had such a delightful day with them that I shall always feel thankful for the day spent there. When we left they loaded us all with all kinds of luxury in the line of fruit, etc. At Minneapolis Dr. and Mrs. MacClure joined us so that we had quite a large party. From St. Paul to Tacoma we had a tourist sleeper which we found to be more convenient in many ways than the first-class sleeper. They have a stove on which we could cook, a place to wash dishes, etc. Under the seats were receptacles for our hand luggage. Tables were put between the seats when we wanted to take our meals or write. Indeed, so convenient did we find things that we only took two meals on the dining car all the way from Toronto to Tacoma.

The vessel which we are on, although the old *Parthia*, is so changed and improved as to be unrecognizable. It is enlarged and is most comfortable. We all suffered severely from sea sickness for the first three or four days after leaving Victoria, but although still not as comfortable as on land, yet we can manage to keep pretty well if we stay on deck, which we do almost all the time. I do not know what I would have done many times without dear Miss Mackenzie's aid. She has not only been a blessing to me but has been the means of bringing much spiritual blessing to us all. As I write this on deck with bright sunshine all around, the children