

We usually took an omnibus in preference to the underground way. At first it seemed strange to ride on top of them, and I always felt as if starting for a country picnic, but one can see a great deal of the city in this way. I greatly admired the massive stone buildings.

When we reached Lisbon, Mr. Hall met us with a boat. The pier has been washed away, and the steamer anchored at a distance out. Mr. Hall was exceedingly courteous during our four days' stay. Most of all we enjoyed our visit to Cintra. It was such a treat to see the country we passed through. In many places the fields were brilliant with wild poppies and gay flowers. The fragrance from trees and flowers was refreshing. We saw the women washing by the side of running streams and spreading the garments on the grass to dry. At noon when we reached the mountain, and after lunch we began the ascent. On the top, which we reached by a winding path up one side, stand the ruins of a Moorish castle and the palace of the present king. I know I shall better understand the stories of ancient history after climbing those rugged rocks and battlements. The palace too, was interesting and fine. We had only time to pass through the corridors and the private chapel.

I am taking four fowls with me from England, and Mrs. Hall has three geese and a pig. We have considerable fun in our farm yard, and hope we shall get them all safely to Umba. I am so glad I have been in your home, and shall always remember with pleasure the time spent in Montreal.

My travelling rug has been in constant service. Even the day we arrived here the wind was so strong and cool that we covered our rugs on deck.

I regret that I did not know of the Union meetings at Montreal in time to send greetings. My mind was so filled with other things that I had forgotten them. But I do not mean to do this as an excuse. It is my duty now to be thoughtful about those things.

Yours in Christ's service,

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The Hostility of the Chinese.

It has frequently been said that the recent troubles in China have arisen entirely because of the missionaries, and that the presence and intervention in Chinese affairs is due all the way to the complications. This is far from true. A correspondent