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My dear Father

We arrived in London a few days ago after a somewhat arduous journey. After leaving Bordeaux we directed our course to Montpellier and the South of France. Thence we proceeded up the Rhone to Lyons, and across to Geneva. It had been our intention to penetrate into Italy, but as the cholera still prevailed to an alarming extent we determined to turn our face northward.

Accordingly after having examined some of the curiosities of Switzerland we passed to Basle, and thence along the left bank of the Rhine to Strasbourg, Mayence and Cologne. At the last place we left this beautiful river and crossed through a part of Western Prussia to Brussels, the Capital of Belgium. Finding ourselves so near the scene ^{one of} the great events of your life we could not resist the temptation of seeing Ghent. Your hotel is at present occupied by the Burgomaster. In Ghent we proceeded to Calais and London. You will perceive from the route I have taken that we have made a pretty extensive and interesting tour. The particulars I must reserve for another letter.

All Europe is agitated by the President's message. Though I do not think that the French will at length be interested to give