



Gratia A. Countryman and Family Papers.

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HOTEL VICTORIA

GENÈVE

P. SCHLENKER-NIESS, Propr.

Genève, le July 10 - 1926

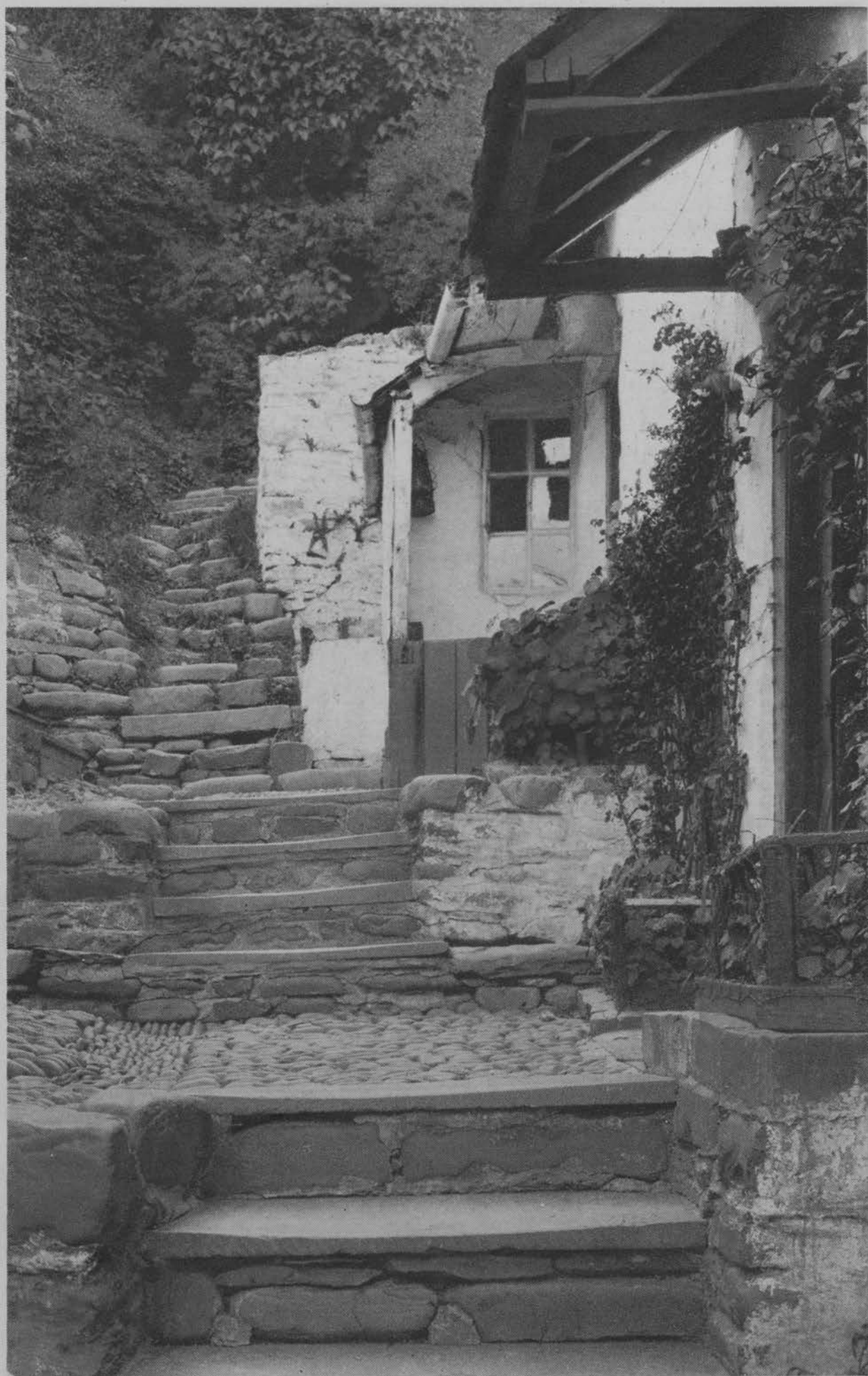
Dear Anna.

We left Italy with deep regret. I'm just adored it. Its people are so hospitable and sweet tempered. If you smile at them, they smile back. All Italy seems prosperous, their fields are well cultivated, their roads in splendid condition, their attitude very kindly toward Americans. They adore Mussolini, and after talking with Americans who have lived for the last few years in ~~some~~ Italy, we don't wonder. We met this week, two women who live in Los Angeles (whenever they are at home) who have been conductors of travelling tours, and who have lived abroad considerably and seem to know every road and byway of Italy, and they told us that several years ago Italy was almost unsafe for travellers, that the Bolsheviks would run down the Italian flag and run up the Red flag and no one dared to pull it down. That Mussolini with a brave hand had changed it all by attacking the agitators. He said that

Isola Pescatori e Baveno



Dear Anna - I cannot write [1926.27]
any descriptions of these wonderful
Italian Lakes, that give half so much
idea as these pictures - We have been
for nearly a week in the Italian Lake
District, by steamer and auto - Last
night we stayed at this beautiful town of
Stresa, and had intended going over the
Simplon Pass by auto, but this rain has
put two feet of snow over the road
so we have to go through the tunnel



A FISHERMAN'S COTTAGE, CLOVELLY

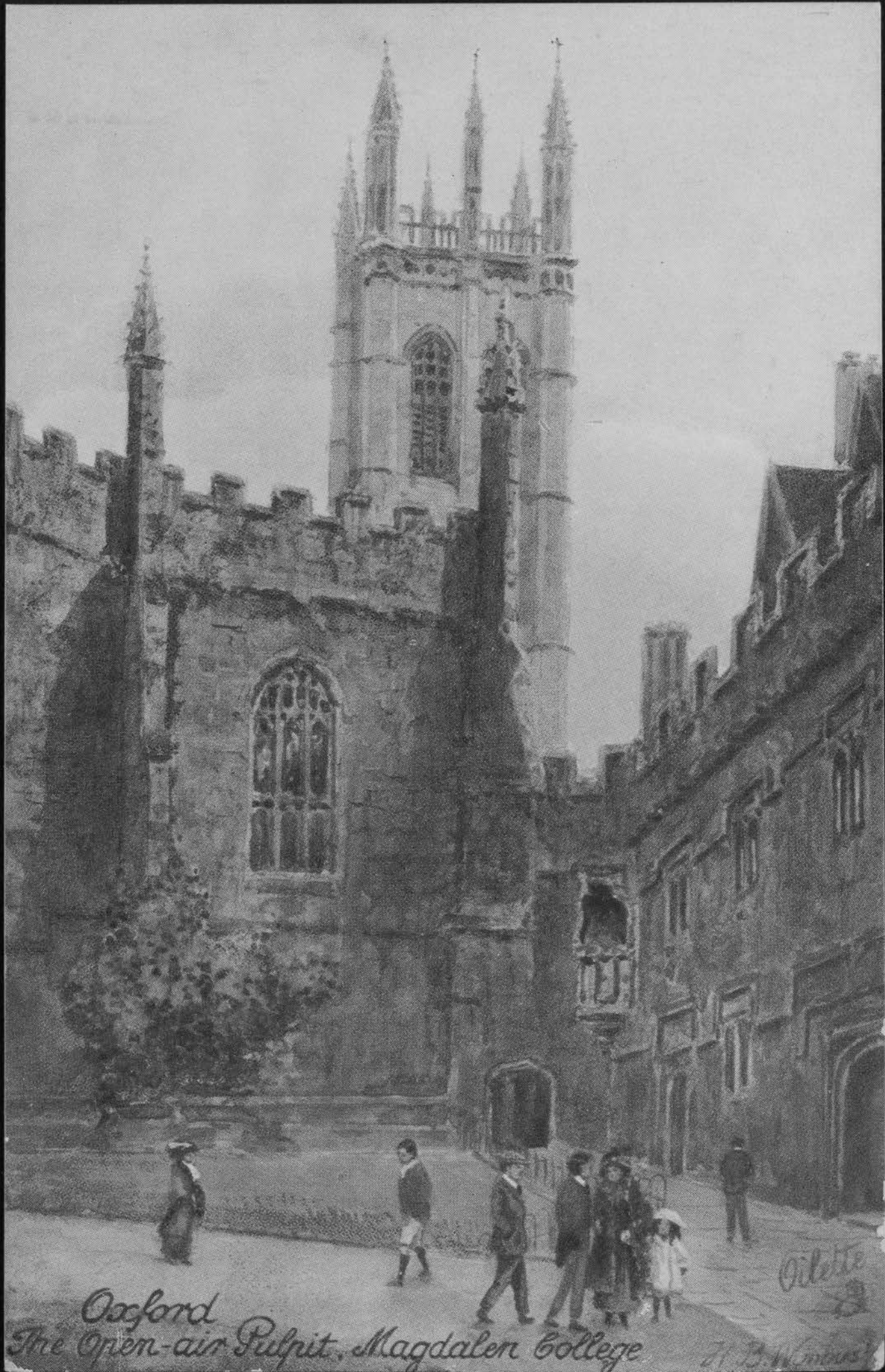
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POST CARD

FOR CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ADDRESS

Dear Lave - I'll write this letter on
 postcards, for they tell the story better.
 We are motoring now, as I wrote you
 from London (?). We came down through
 Windsor, Eton, Stoke Poges to Winchester and
 Salisbury - (I think I dropped you a card from
 there). These are such beautiful historic towns
 that we should have liked to stay awhile.
 They look just as they did when I was here
 30 years ago. From Salisbury we ran up to
 Stonehenge. When we were here before, Stonehenge
 was in a lonely plain. Now the plain is a military camp.



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The Open-air Pulpit, Magdalen College

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TUCK'S POST CARD

CARTE POSTALE.

By Appointment.

Open-air Pulpit, Magdalen College This ancient pulpit, erected by desire of the founder, used for an annual sermon on the Feast of St. John the Baptist (Midsummer Day), when in bygone days the court would be strewn with rushes and the buildings garlanded with flowers and greenery. "Maudlen" is the Queen of Colleges; its noble tower, its famous chapel and choir, its leafy groves and water-walks and deer-park—all a pleasure and delight.

(FOR ADDRESS ONLY)



But I didn't get Card.
After we left Lynton and the
hills. We stayed that night after our hard drive
at a wee village, with a funny little woman who
took good care of us. She had no coal, so could cook
only eggs. Not make Cocoa for our dinner, on a one
burner stove. But she told us how the coal strike
and tax rates were affecting just such people as she.
We then came on through Glastonbury & Wells and
on to Bath for the night. Yesterday we spent in
St. Ford, tramping around its historic old College.
There were many women going to Summer lectures there
especially at Balliol. I'm sure you would enjoy it.

Printed in England

[1926]



Post Card

1926²⁷

Stratford

SALMON

SERIES

Printed
in
England

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESS

Last night we hurried on to Stratford
starting about 5⁰⁰ o'clock, and got to Stratford
in time to get dinner, and go to see Henry IV.
at the Shakespearean Festival. Mr Puller up at the
Hotel, turned our car over to the porter, told the club
to put our bags into a room and we hustled right
over to the theatre. At the close here was the little
porter with our car to drive us home, and it was
a good thing, for we had the faintest idea which
way to go. Today we have been to all the famous
Shakespeare places. We are not sure whether we
will go on *1050 or stay over for another
play. But I will now send this on. Patricia

ANNE HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE



LYNTON. COUNTESBURY HILL.

59288

POST CARD

[und.]

FOR CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ADDRESS

steep roads. It was like a fly creeping down a wall. We got into Lynton at 10⁰⁰ at night and I had crept down these roads in the dark. The next day when we crept up this road with its hairpin turns and narrow roadbed, we wondered how we did it. But the views were lovely. We met many buses the next morning, and several times had to back down to find room to pass. Once we backed into a bus and marked in the back panel of the car, and hurt my pride as a foot driver. But I took out heavy insurance before starting and the agent tells me that we will have no trouble settling with the company.



LYNMOUTH

POST CARD

1926

FOR CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ADDRESS

Published by G. L. GUNN, Fine Art Gallery, Valley Road, Lynton

Leaving Stonehenge with its mysterious circles
 of great stones - we took two days to get over
 to the North Devon Coast. Where the scenery is
 perfectly beautiful, It reminds me a little of our
 Mediterranean scenery. When we reached Clovelly
 we had to leave our car at the parking place
 and walk down a steep incline. The place
 was once a little fishing village belonging to
 the Manor House above, but it has been much
 commercialized with little shops and little tea rooms
 Then we undertook a very hazardous bit of hill road
 down to Lynton & Lynmouth. I never drove on such

THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS
THE MINNEAPOLIS SOCIETY OF FINE ARTS

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

March 15, 1926.

Miss Gracia Countryman,
Public Library,
Minneapolis.

Dear Miss Countryman:

The President has just announced his appointment of Committees for the ensuing year, and has made you a member of the School Committee. The other members of this committee are:

Richardson Phelps, Chairman
Paul A. Brooks
Mrs. W. F. Decker
R. A. Plimpton

Yours very truly,

J. Sidney Houston Jr.
Secretary

GSH:R

*Will be glad
to accept*

March 17, 1926

My dear Mr. Houston,

I shall be glad to accept the appointment to membership on the School Committee for the ensuing year. Will you kindly convey my reply to the President.

Yours very truly,

Librarian

Mr. G. Sidney Houston Jr., Secretary
Secretary, Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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UNDER THE LAWS OF
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

April 6 - 1926

My dear Miss Countryman —

We were
all so disappointed not to have
you with us at our Opening Dinner
last night.

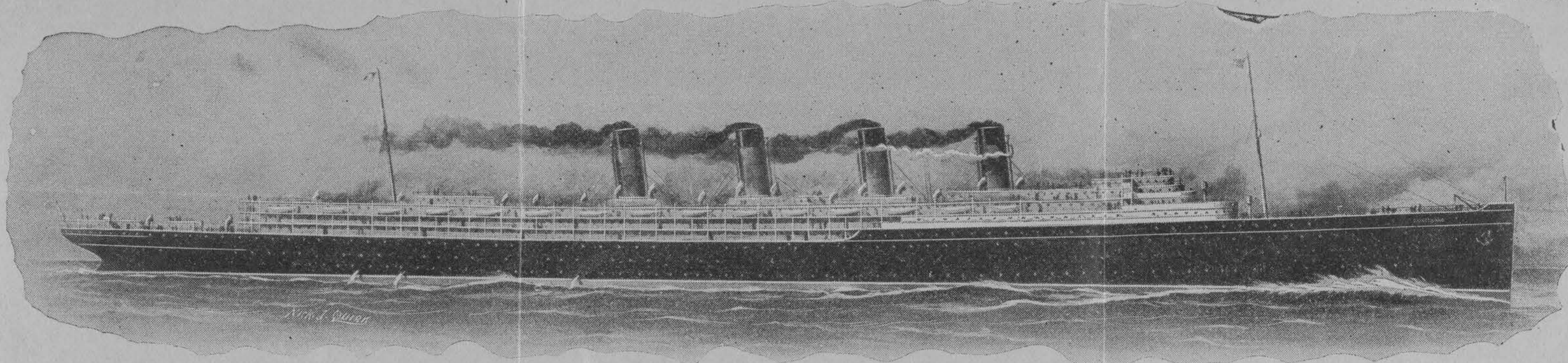
Not given an opportunity to
express our appreciation to you
"en masse", I for one, want
you to know it has meant much
to me to have had the privilege
of working with you in making
our Club Home a reality, the
achievement of which is in a
great measure due to your vision
and faith in women.

Sincerely,

Amanda J. Dahlstrom

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May 22, 1926.

STATEMENT - MISS GRACIA A. COUNTRYMAN
MISS MARIE A. TODD

"CARONIA" - MAY 29, N.Y. TO HAVRE

2 Berths in Room D-49 @ \$155.00 each.....\$ 310.00
2 War Tax @ \$5.00 each..... 10.00
2 Havre Port Tax @ \$1.00 each..... 2.00

\$ 322.00

"ANDANIA" - AUG. 19, SOUTHAMPTON TO N.Y.

Berths 3 and 4, Room B-74 @ \$160.00 each....\$ 320.00

\$ 320.00

PASSPORT VISAES:

British, 2 @ \$10.00

French, 2 @ \$10.00

Italy, 2 @ \$10.00 - \$ 30.00.....\$ 60.00

\$ 60.00

TOTAL.....\$ 702.00

Less Deposit Apr. 27th.....\$ 60.00

" " May 7th..... 60.00

\$ 120.00

BALANCE DUE.....\$ 582.00

Rail, Mpls.-New York, 2 @ \$47.36....\$ 94.72

Lower, Mpls.-New York..... 12.75

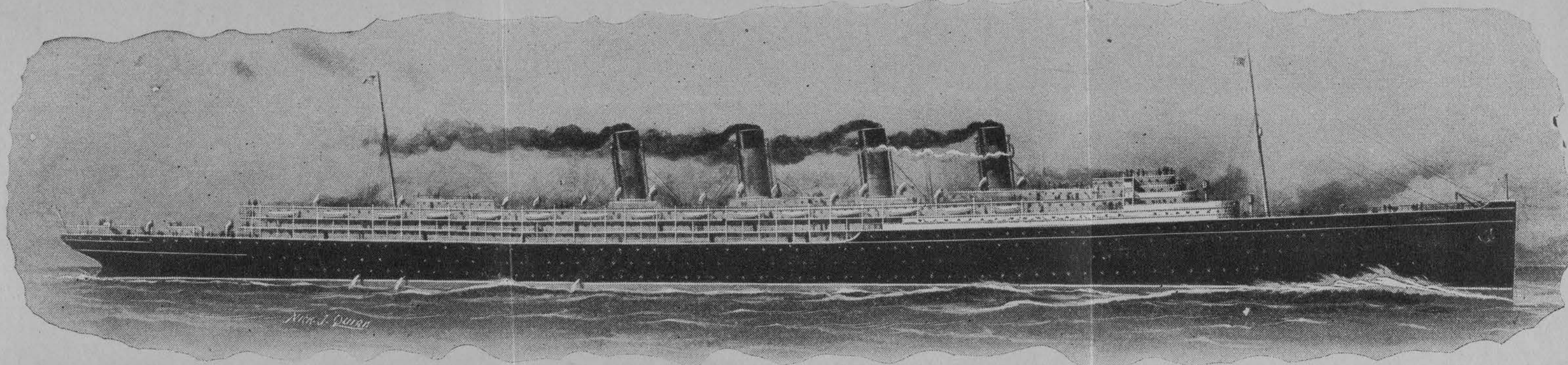
Upper, Mpls.-New York..... 10.20

\$ 117.67

TOTAL BALANCE DUE.....\$ 699.67

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. May 7, 1926

Miss Marion Prest,
Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Prest: "ANDANIA" - AUG. 19, W.B.
SHMPT. CHERBOURG TO NEW YORK

I have your letter of May 6th, with check for \$60.00 covering deposit on westbound trip for Miss Gratia A. Countryman and Miss Marie A. Todd.

We are assigning them berths 3 and 4 in Room B-74 at the rate of \$160.00 each. This is an outside room.

I assume Miss Countryman and Miss Todd will embark at Southampton. Please advise if this is not correct.

Thanking you for your interest in arranging this booking through us, I am

Yours very truly,

W. H. Schilling

WHS M

Please extend the time on "Aspasia" for another week.

British, French, Italian \$30-
PRESENT THIS PASSPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR A NEW PASSPORT.
J.D.M.

Command Line

NOTICE

The bearer should sign his name below as directed. He should also sign the passport in the space provided therefor at the bottom of page five.

Nathaniel Cunningham

Signature of bearer

Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn.

Bearer's address in the United States

American Express Co. Paris.

Bearer's foreign address

IN CASE OF DEATH OR ACCIDENT NOTIFY

Public Library Minneapolis

Name of person to be notified

or Laura M. Conger

Exact address

1007, Euclid Ave. Ontario, California
U.S.A.

CAUTION

This passport is a valuable document. Due care should be taken to see that it does not pass into the possession of an unauthorized person. If it is lost or destroyed the fact and circumstances of the loss should be immediately reported to the Passport Division, Department of State, or to the nearest American Consulate, and to the local police authorities. New passports in such cases can be issued only after exhaustive inquiry.

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No 208540

Passport



United States of America

Department of State

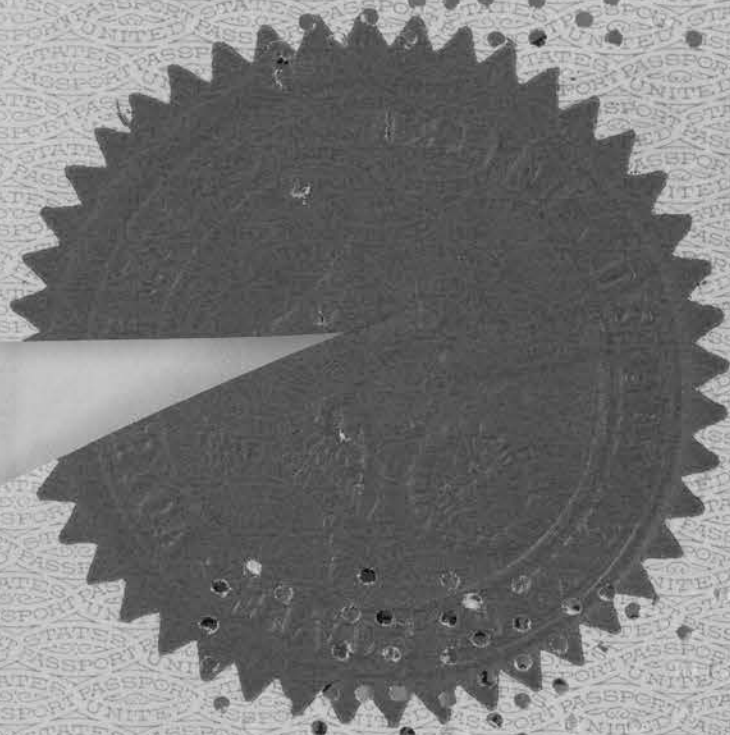


I, the undersigned, Secretary of State
of the United States of America, hereby
request all whom it may concern to per-
mit safely and freely to pass, and in case
of need to give all lawful aid and protec-
tion to

Gratia A. Countryman
a citizen of the United States.

The bearer is accompanied by his wife,

Minor children,



Given under my
hand and the
seal of the
Department of
State

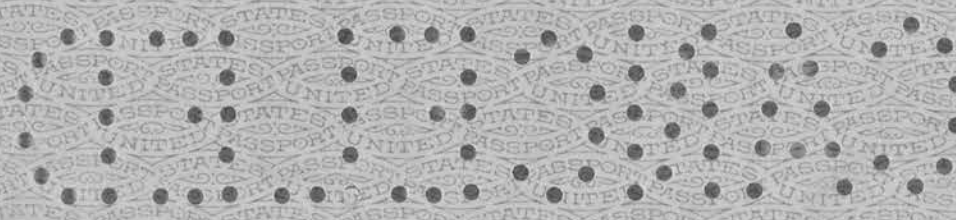
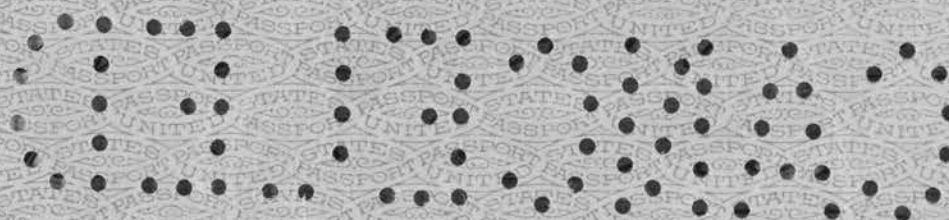
at Washington,

May 5th
1926

Frederic B. Keeney

This passport is good for travel in all
countries unless otherwise limited.

This passport is valid for two years from
the date of issue unless limited to a shorter
period. It is not subject to extension be-
yond a period of two years from the date
of issue.



Photograph of bearer



Gracie A. Crenshaw

certify that the attached
bears the signature and is
the person to whom this
act of in witness whereof
Department of State is
heated.

Description of bearer

Height 5 feet 1 inches.

Hair brown

Eyes blue-grey

Distinguishing marks or features:

Place of birth Hastings, Minn.

Date of birth November 29, 1866

Occupation Librarian

Gracie A. Crenshaw

Signature of bearer.

Amendments and extensions

Visas

VISA VALABLE UNE ANNEE POUR ENTRER EN
FRANCE EN PROVENANCE DE PLUS PAYS ET EN
SORTIR A DESTINATION DE TOUT PAYS.

LE PRESENT VISA NE DISPENSE PAS LE POR-
TEUR DE SE CONFORMER AUX DISPOSITIONS REG-
LEMENTAIRES EN FRANCE LE SEJOUR DES ETRAN-
GERS.

CHICAGO LE 17/5/26
PR. LE CONSOLE ET PAR AUTORISATION,
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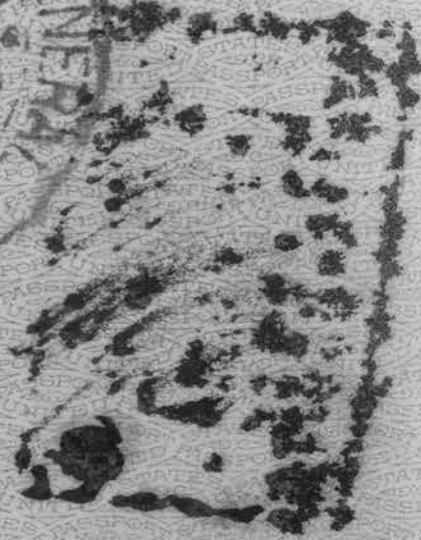
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8 - LUG 1926 *Entrata*
LAGO DI LUGANO

No. *A 2332* Date: *17 MAY 1926*
Seen at the British Consulate General,
Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.
Travelling to UNITED KINGDOM



Vice Consul for
M. Consul General
Good for twelve months from the date
hereof, provided passport is so long valid.



Visas

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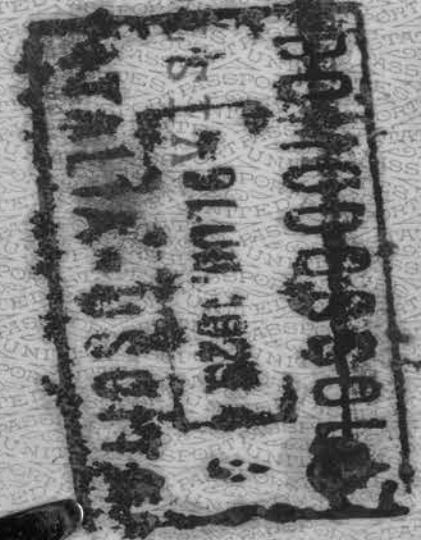
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PER IL R. CONSOLE GENERALE

[Handwritten signature]



Visas

UNITED STATES
8. AUG 1926
LUGANO-LAGO

ABSTRACTS FROM PASSPORT REGULATIONS

1. Passports are issued in the United States by the Secretary of State, through the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D. C. Applications for passports should be made in person to clerks of Federal courts, clerks of State courts having jurisdiction in naturalization matters, or to passport agents of the Department of State. Passport agents of the Department of State are stationed at New York, Boston, New Orleans, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, and the Department of State, Washington, D. C. Applications should be filed from two to four weeks before the passport is required, depending upon the distance from Washington.

2. Americans resident abroad should apply to the Secretary of State for passports through the nearest American consulate.

3. Applications for passports by persons in the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Porto Rico, or the Philippines, should be made to the chief executives of those islands.

4. The fee for a passport, including one dollar for the execution of the application and nine dollars for the passport, is \$10.00.

5. American passports are valid for two years unless limited to a shorter period. They may not be extended beyond a period of two years from the date of issue.

6. Americans making their homes or residing for a prolonged period abroad should register at the nearest American consulate.

DR. JOHN GROSVENOR CROSS
MINNEAPOLIS

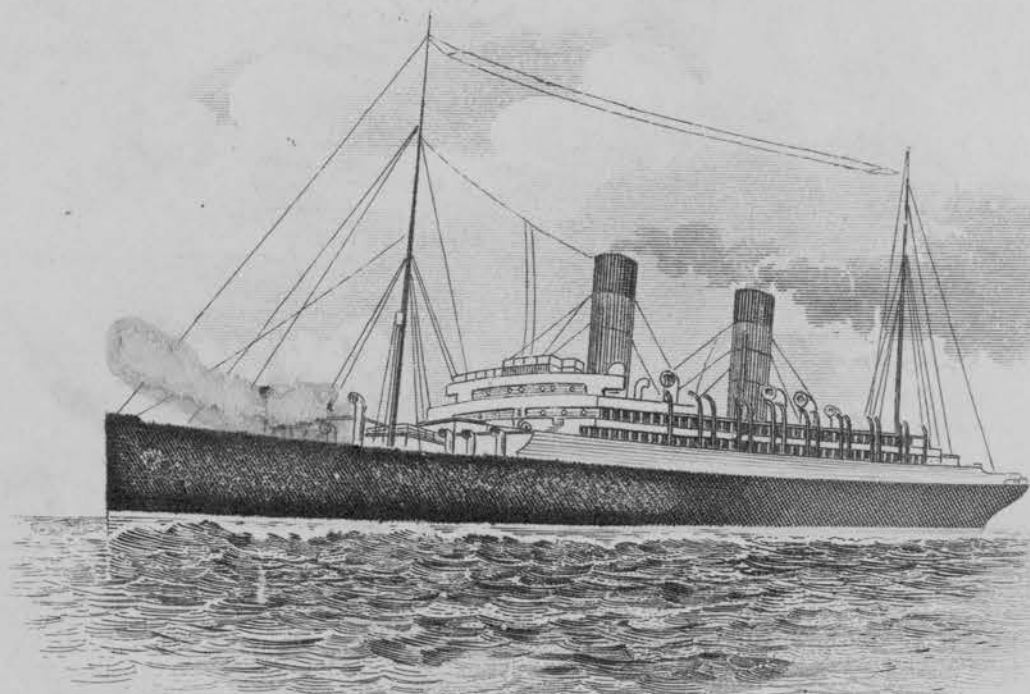
May 24 1926.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Miss Gratia
Countryman has been successfully vaccinated.

Respectfully,

A. E. Cardle



Friday
June 4-26

CUNARD R.M.S. "CARONIA"

Laura dear,

Just a little note to
mail at Plymouth tomorrow.
We shall be glad to sight
land and gladder still to
set our feet upon it.

It has been a very rough
passage, not a real gale,
but windy and tossing all the
time.

Much of the time I have
slept all day as well as
all night, just because

Could and because there
was nothing better to do.

I had my 3rd typhoid shot
on board by the Ship's
Doctor, but it gave me a
very high fever with a
frippery feeling for two days
so I had to stay in bed,

But it has been good for
me to get some rest.

Marie has been a pretty
good sailor & so have the
other two, but still they have
sat quietly on the deck
much of the time.

There is a young girl on
board who is a living image
of Constance when she was
sixteen. I almost start
every time I see her and I
think Marie or I will

accidentally speak to her
in spite of ourselves some day.
She is a lovely well bred
girl going over with her
mother to go to school.

She isn't quite as vivacious
as Constance was, but otherwise
the likeness is startling.

There are no great celebrities
on board, but we had a
very good concert on board
last night. A Mrs. Cox from
Long Beach (I think she sings
in the First Presbyterian Church)
was by far the best singer
and she has just been giving
us a private concert up here
in the lounge which we have
enjoyed very much.

The boat is still tossing
a lot as it has been all
week. It still makes me a
little squeamish and I am
to lie down, so I won't

write much. We have had
to write a good many letters
for we received among us
fully 20 lbs of candy, six
big boxes of flowers, and about
75 letters, here on board -
besides numerous gifts - that
were bestowed on us before we
left. Every body seemed to want
to express their pleasure at our
going. We won't write many
letters as we really get to
tiring, but will drop frequent
cards. How father would
have enjoyed getting long
detailed letters from me, but
no one else has time to read
them even if I wrote them.

I hope Raech + Russell are
looking well after their father,
I think they will, but I wish I
could hear from him often.
I am constant so better, if
possible. Will you send
this to her. Tell me what you
are doing this summer? Lovingly,
Grace



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TÉLÉPHONE 5-50

Adresse Télégraphique
HÔTEL NORD, ROUEN

Sunday June 6. '26

Dear Laura

Here we are at this
delightful old town of Rouen
where Joan of Arc was
condemned and burned. I
wonder if you were here, if so,
then would be no use to
describe it.

We landed at Havre this
morning, and after much red tape
with passports visas and Customs
we took the train to Rouen.
Being Sunday we have been to the
Cathedral and to two other most
beautiful old churches. This was

a special day, with Confirmations
going on at every church and
much processions with banners
and fancy costumes.

Then Mr Lam walked about
the funny narrow winding streets,
and thoroughly forgot everything in
the excitement of seeing the old
~~but~~ curious houses and historical
places.

Mr Lam a delightful hotel
with a big gate right at our street
with a great clock on it, "horloge"
gives the name to our
street. Mr pay only 60 cents a
day apiece for our double rooms.
The ~~most~~ frame is worth only 3.65
cents instead of 20 cents, so we
felt an awful ~~loss~~ lot, for our
American dollars. Dear me, I am
so sleepy, I cannot spell or write.

Midnight - Morning -
From here we go on to St Malo.

[June, July - 1926]

HOTEL DE FRANCE

Place de la Gare

ANGERS

J. BOUYER

TÉLÉPHONE 5-14

Table d'hôte

R. C. 7961

ASCENSEUR

Angers, le 192.....

Dear Anna -

Suit this supposing paper. The hotel where we stayed last night is a Commercial Hotel and this seems to be the only paper they supply. Perhaps I'm supposed to fold it & write the other way.

I can't remember when I wrote you last. We do so much in a day, that a day seems like a week. I believe we were in Rouen, that lovely old medieval city, so rich in Gothic monuments. It is a great thing to have Marie along with the party. She has such a wealth of information, tho she is so modest that we have to wring it out of her. We found an excellent touring service in Rouen, with Cadillac car and an intelligent English driver. This driver has been a professor of history at French in Birmingham University - before the war, so he was a great find - a cultivated English gentleman who speaks fluent French and knows France thoroughly. He drove us for a half day all about Rouen showing us so many things as would have taken us several days. We liked him so well, that we engaged him for a full day's trip to drive us down through Normandy to Mt St. Michel. So we drove in a comfortable Cadillac through the loveliest country called the "Swiss Normandy", through the quaintest old villages where no new houses have seemingly been built in centuries, through rural France where gardening is a fine art and the farm buildings were awful (Cows, chickens & people evidently living together). We drove through Lisieux where the new St Theresa canonized since the war, has a shrine and which is drawing pilgrims from all over the world.

even more than Lourdes. We passed the great Castle of Robert the Devil (father of William the Conqueror), and stopped at Falaise, where was the castle in which William was born. We reached Mt St Michael at dinner time. It was misting and the rocky island crowned with its great 11th Century monastery stood out in the mist like a dream. This great rocky fortified monastery is sometimes called the 8th wonder, you have seen pictures of it, and it is certainly worth a trip across the ocean to see. A causeway has been built across the ocean to the island in recent years, and a tiny village cluster at the foot among the rocks, where we stayed over night.

We had enjoyed our drive so much, that we engaged our nice English driver & Cadillac car to drive us on to Tours through the Chateaux Country. So we came yesterday through most beautiful country, took dinner at Fougères, where are & wonderfully picturesque fortifications & Castle (My! but these old feudal castles are interesting and you can just imagine the feudal lord and his retainers rallying forth to fight his neighbors, or drawing all his retainers into the walls to resist a siege), Many of them are in almost perfect condition.

We arrived here at Angers last night, and go on today to Tours visiting a half dozen Chateaux on ~~the~~ our way. It is so fortunate that we can go in a car. The only drawback has been that it has been raining a good deal and misting, but it hasn't interfered much. And we are seeing so much that we could not have seen otherwise. And it has been especially nice for me, for I was too tired to climb around much. But I suppose we will have to go on by train hereafter. It is so cheap now to travel in France. A franc is only worth 3.17 cents. You get 31 francs for a dollar: for instance our hotel bill here for 4 people was 124 francs for 2 rooms, dinners & breakfasts, that was 31 francs apiece or 1.00 for room, dinner & breakfast in a good hotel. just compare that with American prices. It seems as if we were robbing them. We paid 5 cents last night for a pound of big cherries. Now our driver

much better - I don't write for me to anyone else - Please you - Keep my letters - I will soon be here and you will start.

Copy
C O N T R A C T

WE: THE BEARDMORE PETROL STATION, LTD., of 22 - 28, QUEEN'S ROAD, LONDON, W. 2., hereinafter referred to as the Owners, agree to hire BUICK CAR, registration NO. N.D. 8540 to

~~Mr. G. A. Countryman~~ *Miss G. A. Countryman of Russell House Hotel N.P. 1.*

hereinafter referred to as the hiree, for a period commencing

23rd day of JULY 1926 and ending the ~~Monday~~ *Saturday* of AUGUST 1926, *inclusive*

the Hiree to pay all charges incidentally to the running

and up-keep of the said car and to keep same in ^a thorough

state of repair until the said car be handed over to the

owners ~~at~~ the termination of the contract.

and

The Hiree shall take out a Full Comprehensive Insurance covering the said car during the period of this contract, the Debit Note or similar proof of Insurance to be lodged with the owners and kept in their possession until the termination of this contract.

The owners shall be indemnified by hiree against any claims during the period of or arising out of this hire.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

BEARDMORE PETROL STATION LTD.

A. Simpson; sec

Signed.....*G. A. Countryman*.....

23rd July 1926

Witness C. A. Hand

Contract

1926

for auto

in Eng



Rome

June 23-'26

[To Mrs. LANAM. Conger]

Dear Lana

Here we are in the wonderful
city of Rome, and for the first
time, I think, we have crossed
your old line. I wonder where you
stayed - Anyway I know you must
have enjoyed your long stay here, for
there is so much to see. We came
very nearly not coming at all, because
we had so little time, but we could squeeze
in three extra days and we thought that
would be better than nothing. We are
glad that we did, for we have had an
auto and a very intelligent guide and he
has taken us from place to place with
the least expenditure of effort. So we
have seen the high spots anyway.

Italian trip. But the beauty of Nice was in its location, and we had hired a private auto & driver to take us the two days drive to Genoa, so that we knew we should have the scenery all along the way. You may think that we are extravagant to hire autos and drivers so much, but our three days at Nimes, each day from 9⁰⁰ to 6⁵⁰ o'clock, cost us but \$6⁰⁰ apiece for the three days. The trip to Genoa from Nice cost us but \$10⁰⁰ apiece and think what we got for the money.

The ride along the Riviera was perfectly beautiful - a surprise around every bend of the road: little villages climbing the hills. We ran through the narrow winding streets and along the rocky coasts - just exclaiming with joy until we were really tired ^{with} the excitement of the exquisite beauty. We stopped at Monte Carlo which is a wonderfully beautiful city. We were terribly depressed with the Casino, where every roulette table was full of people with eager drawn faces. There were many women

gambling, and we were told that many widows who had but little, were trying to increase their funds - and of course were losing them.

At Mentone, we took our lunch, and never saw anything more blue than the Mediterranean at this point. We stayed over night at the little village of Alassio, and wandered around its crooked narrow little streets, watched the fishermen launch their big dory and go out into the sea to set their nets. Oh it was the most lovely drive I ever had, both that day and the next.

We landed in Genoa about 3⁰⁰ o'clock and had our driver take us around up to the Campo Santo, a very remarkable Cemetery, and past many of the old Palaces. I don't wonder they call it Genoa the Superb. It is the most superb looking city I ever saw. We had our first ride in a sleeping car coming down from Genoa to Rome, and it was quite a comfortable compartment sleeping car, at any rate I slept well.

I have just today received yours and Theo's & Russell's letters, the first I have had. I am so glad that Theo is getting on.

have been thinking about you as I approach Rome

When we were in Nice, we arranged our entire trip from Genoa through Italy - over the Dolomites through Switzerland to Paris from Cook's.

We arranged for guides, hotels, railroad tickets, autos from Rome through the hill towns to Florence and through the Dolomites. We paid for it all at once, so that we don't have to waste anytime buying tickets or hunting up porters or deciding on hotels. We can give our whole time to sight-seeing. We have a very good hotel here in Rome right next door to the Borgheesi gardens. Indeed we are right next to the city wall and the gate is right by us. We have very good food, Italian dishes, but fixed to please Americans.

But to go back to Nice - It was such a beautiful Riviera city. We didn't go around it very much for it took us most of our time to arrange our



GRANDE HÔTEL BAGLIONI
(PALAZZO CARREGA)
FIRENZE

[June 27, 1926]

[To Mrs. LANA M. Conger]

Sunday, June 27.

Well Lana dear, I shall just
have to write to keep from
exploding with joy. We have
been having such joyful
satisfying days.

My notes say that I haven't
written to you since Nice. I
can scarcely believe it. I thought I
wrote to you from Rome - Come to
think of it I know I did, because
I rather remember wondering where
you lived. I must just have forgotten
to note it down.

By the way, if Theo has kept on
improving, he may be with you or
the children by this time, so I won't
write any more to Cripple Creek until
I know. I trust they have forwarded
the many cards I have sent him there.

Rome was just a joy. I just loved it. Indeed we all have loved Italy. It is so beautiful. I hadn't expected to love it nearly as much as France, for the French Country through Brittany & Normandy and down around Nice was very beautiful. We also had very cool weather in Rome, one day just as we were entering the Pantheon, it poured rain, and it came down from the open dome to the floor below, as it has for 2000 years.

We had an unusually fine guide through Rome. He had taught English and spoke it perfectly. Moreover he was a very discriminating art critic, as Marie with all her store of knowledge admitted. He just gave us the best possible tips, and showed us the best in every gallery, so that we didn't waste

time hunting up the things we should see. So when we ~~took~~ made arrangements to take a three day auto tour through the hill Country, we asked Cook's to let us take this same guide. So he has taken us to the very best through this important trip.

And it is this hill Country that makes me want to explore. We started from Rome on Thursday morning, and began to climb up almost at once. The views are beyond description. We climbed up and up, the road led along a high ridge much of the time, so that we looked down on broad cultivated valleys on both sides. All day we travelled with these wonderful views on each side, oh so beautiful! At the tops of many high points were fine estates or old time castles, or little fortified

or rather walled villages. Once we
came out on a high road and
looked down on Orvieto. It
stood on a high rocky point
in the midst of the plain.
With natural rock walls around it,
Marie exclaimed the "Beautiful
for situation, the joy of the whole
earth". And it certainly fitted.
But as we neared Assisi and
Perugia, we felt the same
way. If we had had nothing but
the great, almost too beautiful
scenery, we would have felt repaid,
but Assisi and Perugia were
rich in associations and artistic
gems also. We stayed in Perugia
the first night and in Siena the
second night, but we stopped
at many less well known, but
beautiful mediæval old towns
along the way. We feel as if
we had reached high water mark.



GRANDE HÔTEL BAGLIONI

(PALAZZO CARREGA)

FIRENZE

I wonder if you went to these towns,
I cannot remember. St Francis

Assisi has always been one
of the Saints whom the whole world
loved, and I have always wanted to
go there. The old Church ~~at~~ ^{near}
Assisi is built right over the
little stone house where St
Francis died, and the nearby little
building where he worshipped.
Both little old stone buildings have
been left as they were, and they are
greatly revered by all good Catholics.
I feel the spell of the place myself,
as I am at very few shrines.

I cannot see how present day
Catholics can believe in and
revere all the relics which
they treasure, as which are shown
to the people with great ceremony.

but I can see how they can
revere the memory and
association of such great saints
as St Francis and St Augustine.

In the church in Assisi, St Francis
is buried, and around the walls of the
lower church (It is a 3 storied
church) are very fine frescoes by
Giotto, and also all around the upper
church, the one of St Francis feeding
the birds is there.

The morning we were visiting in
Perugia, we had such a pleasant
experience. We were admiring the
beautiful carved 15th century choir
stalls, the finest in Italy, (I can't
remember the artist, but Marie knows
them all before the guide tells her)
and the fine old 15th century pipe
organ. We expressed a desire to
hear the organ, so our guide
asked for the organist to play to us.
So he played for 15 minutes or more,
the most heavenly music, as we
sat there where monks have sat

and chanted for hundreds of years.
It was thrilling and a great experience.

(I didn't notice the marks on
this paper. please excuse them)
Perugia is a very beautiful city set up
on a hill, with 7000 people. The
guide took us around to one point
where the old Etruscan walls still
stand - perhaps built 800 B.C.
A wonderful gate called the Augustan
gate is a monstrously big gate -
our guide book called it as great
a piece of work for a gate as the
Pont du Gard was for an aqueduct.
The guide told us that Calistine was
assassinated at this place. Perhaps
you know. I wish I had your
knowledge of Roman history, if
you, with your definite knowledge of
Roman history & literature and Marie
with her very inclusive knowledge
of sculpture, architecture & painting, had
been here together with me, I should
have received a liberal education.

Don't you think we three could
conduct some parties, for I am
a pretty good business man.

Well our three days driving
through the hill towns has been
most enjoyable and profitable.
We reached Florence last night
very tired. We are in a good hotel
but our rooms were very noisy last night.

Marie and I didn't sleep much
and the other two girls have not
yet got up. Marie and I have had
our breakfast, written several letters
and are now going to the service
at the Cathedral. Oh, I do wish
you could have taken this trip
with me. Maybe we can have it
together again.

We are to stay here in Florence
three days, and then go on to Venice,
where I will write again.
I hope to hear from you again there.
More about Constance - bless her.
And lots of love to you and to Theo if
he is with you. Father

HOTEL ITALIA

E. GRUGNOLA, PROP.

MILANO

(STAZIONE CENTRALE)

Telefono Interc. 7-09

Dear Anna.

You should have seen the way we spent the glorious Tour - It certainly was the most glorious one I ever had. I think I sent you a postal, but that couldn't do justice to the wonderful ride which we took through the Tyrol.

But I suppose I should go back further - Did I write you from Florence. We had intended spending but three days there, but when we found that our ticket sent us by day train to Venice, we changed it to a night train, took a sleeper and stayed the extra day in Florence. Florence is so full of things to see, that we didn't do it half justice. But we kept going every minute and saw a good deal. The sleepers in Italy are very comfortable. We like them better than ours. They are more private, and more roomy, like our Compartment Sleepers. We arrived in the morning at Venice.

[1926?] ¹⁹²⁷
Monday Tuesday July 7 -
(I can't keep track of the days)
A gondola met us at the station and took us and our bags through devious water alleys, steering the sharp corners with wondrous dexterity, and landing us at the water steps of our hotel on the Grand Canal. It was just like a dream, and we were like Lopsy children. So many things ~~don't~~ seem unreal, and this was one that seemed so.

We were but two short days in Venice, but we had a guide and saw all that we could. We started as soon as we could eat our breakfast for San Marco and the Square. It is such a Lopsy place, with the thousands of pigeons and the people enjoying the open space and bright sunshine feeding the pigeons. I think you have been there and will remember it. The Campanile which fell in 1902 has been restored. In the afternoon we took a long trip out from Venice to the Lace makers and glass manufacturing - mainly for the ride. The next day the guide took us to the Cathedral, Doge's Palace &c and in the afternoon for a gondola ride visiting the Academy of Art & other interesting places. Then we left and took a trip that has

really been the high water mark of our whole trip. Starting from Venice by motor, we soon took a char-a-banc, holding about twenty people and motored out toward the Alps. We soon entered the most beautiful scenery and climbed by marvellous road through that part of the Italian Alps known as the Dolomites, till we reached the most beautiful village of Cortina. We stopped there over that afternoon and evening. We had rooms in a hotel built up on a slope of the mountain where we could survey everything. We just settled ourselves on the front porch and looked and looked. We didn't need to go sight-seeing, we had it all before us.

The next morning, Sunday the 4th - we again took char-a-banc, and began climbing higher & higher up into the Tyrol. We finally reached the snow line, with snow lying on the sides of the road, in one place a drift some 6 feet high where the road had been cut through and we could look down thousands of feet into lovely green valleys and beautiful villages. I just never saw

anything like these Alps. The ground everywhere was carpeted with beautiful flowers. I didn't know whether to look up and on through the wonderful peaks and valleys or down on the flower gardens all over the hills. Much of the scenery was stupendous and left us breathless. All through this region, in the very passes through which we rode the Austrian & Italians fought for possession of the Tyrol. We saw entanglements, old camps, machine gun nests could be discerned away up on the cliffs. How could they fortify and fight in such inaccessible places!

Well it was a marvellous day followed by one almost as marvellous yesterday. We stayed over night after our mountain drive in Bolzano (the previous name was Bozen when it was Austrian territory) and started the next morning for Riva, a lovely resort at the head of Lake Garda - the loveliest and largest of the Italian lakes. ^{where we took a steamer down the lake.} The water of the lake is a lapis-lazuli blue, and the mountain sides are like pictures of the Norway fjords. The slopes steep and rugged were everywhere covered by terraces, on which lemons were growing. They train their

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trees on trellises, the yellow fruit hanging underneath. the supports are concrete posts, and the orchard is surrounded by walls, so you can imagine what a terraced garden walled about three long like - the strangest fruit orchard you can imagine.

It seems strange that lemons can grow here in the Alps, so high in altitude, and so north in latitude, but they do. That lake ride for six hours was also a beautiful experience which I wouldn't have missed. and yet few Americans were taking it - indeed no other Americans at all were on our charabane, except three ^{American} people who are living in Paris and taking a short vacation. They were delightful people and we hobnobbed a good deal with them.

We stayed over night at a little hotel at the foot of Lake Garda and came on ^{today} a two hour trip to Milan.

We are staying in Milan tonight, but are going right on through Lake Como and Lake Maggiore to Geneva.

We visited the beautiful Milan Cathedral and the Brera gallery this afternoon, but Milan is a big modern city - fine and businesslike, but we don't want to spend time in modern cities just now. I don't doubt we could profitably spend a number of days here, but the lakes will give us much more rest.

We give love Italy - both its treasures & its lovely cities, and its pleasant hospitable people. Italy seems very prosperous. Mussolini has certainly done much to pull Italy into shape and the Italians adore him. The French also seem very prosperous, and our American acquaintances who live in Paris, say that France really is very prosperous with scarcely any ^{un}employment. We saw practically no beggars in France and very few in Italy. There is no reason why they shouldn't pay their debts. It is poor England who is suffering, and who attempts to meet all her obligations.

And yet who keeps the pound
sterling at par, while the franc
has sunk from its normal value
of 20 cents to less than 3 cents,
and the lire is worth only $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents.
I don't just see the reason.

Our Paris American friends tell us
that they lived comfortably on \$50.00
a month in Paris, think of that! We
can live here on our pensions some-
time.

Now I am getting very sleepy and
must tumble in.

Much love to you. I hope you
are resting now that A. C. is out.
If Theo is with you, give him
my love. I received a letter from
you and from Theo, when our
mail was forwarded to Venice,
but he was just out of the hospital
and I don't know where he went
after that.

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~~to the~~ American Express Co. 6, Haymarket
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Paris by July 12, and in London July 17th -
of course any mail that may have been

sent to Paris, will be ^{forwarded} sent ~~over~~ to London
We learn our forwarding address
everywhere.

Lovingly - Grace

to get off and pay it a visit. It
was well worth it, not only because of
Bonivardo's imprisonment there
which Byron relates, but because it
was a very interesting castle.

We came on to Geneva this morning
and have taken a sight-seeing tour
this afternoon, and plan to go to
Calvin & Knox's Church tomorrow.

Geneva, I believe, was the home of
Protestantism and always encouraged
freedom of conscience & religious liberty.

I think I was more impressed with
the building in which the League of
Nations works. It seemed to me that
it was the home of real liberty - of the
people - freedom from the dictation
of political state intrigue, which makes
war. Statesmen declare war and the
people do the fighting. I somehow felt
that in that League of Nations building
is going on the greatest work of the
world. I'm sorry to see Brazil
withdraw & Spain threatening to.

If only America had joined forces with
the allies! maybe she will in time.

Well - I wish we could stay longer
here, it is a beautiful city and
a very cosmopolitan city. It doesn't seem
like a foreign city. Even the porters who
took our baggage understood English

and every shopkeeper does. We go on
tomorrow to Chamonix, hoping to see
Mr Blanc, tho tho sky is very overcast -
We have encountered a good deal of rain
all through the alps, but the air has
often been clear between showers, so
we haven't lost much notice the last
day or so.

We go from Chamonix to Paris, and
I very much hope to hear from you
there.

We have met some American
people who are living in Paris, a
young architect and his sister & brother-in-law.
They have been very nice to us, and we
have caught up with each other off
& on. They promise to see that we
get the most out of our few days in
Paris.

So goodbye until Paris -
affectionately. Graham

I didn't get this mailed yesterday and
today we have run up to Chamonix.
The latter part of the way was by an
electric train - through the most spectacular
scenery. Mr Blanc and the glaciers about
it stood out clearly among the clouds.
Tonight the sunset clouds were rosy
and flowing over it, and then all the
clouds lifted and the entire snow field
stood outlined against the sky. It was
a beautiful sight and awe inspiring.

agitators were brought out by the
fascists under Mussolini's orders, were
brought into the Public Square and
given the choice of a stiff horse-
whipping or a big dose of castor oil.
He dosed some of them with a quart
of castor oil. It put a stop to agitators.
She thinks Le Roi really saved Italy
and is as great a man as Garibaldi
who unified it. Well, the people of
Italy seem to feel that way. He is
electrifying all the trains, he is
hitching up the enormous water power
in their mountains and hopes to reduce
or cut out the importation of coal. He is
giving employment & respect to the laborers.
Then Italy is so beautiful. I never
hope to see anything more beautiful than
the Dolomites or Tyrol. We have
steamed down 4 of the Italian lakes
and they are perfectly beautiful.
We meant to drive over the Simplon
Pass, but there was two feet of snow
on the road, and the sky so overcast
that we couldn't have seen anything,
so we went through the tunnel.
We intended coming on to Geneva last
night to have a full day here, but
just as we neared Montreux, we saw
the Castle of Chillon, and immediately decided

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5. Pillow Fight
6. Thread the Needle
7. Suit Case Race
8. Sack Race
9. Three Legged Race

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1. Chalking the Pig's Eye
2. Potato Race
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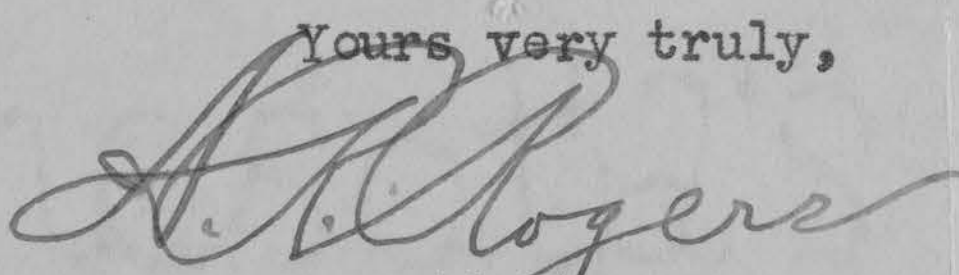
Dear Madam:

Upon assuming my duties as President of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association, it becomes my privilege to appoint various committees for the coming year. It is my desire to make these appointments with the best interests of the Association in mind.

I have been very much impressed with the accomplishments of the Committee on Education during the past year. I believe there is a greater work to do and I would consider it a personal favor if you would accept a re-appointment as a member of that Committee.

I hope that you will be able to accept.

Yours very truly,



President.

A. R. Rogers-SC

November 17, 1936

Mr. A. R. Rogers
President, Minneapolis Civic & Commerce
Association
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Sir:

I have your kind letter of November 15
and shall be glad to accept the re-appoint-
ment as a member of the Committee on Education.

Yours very truly,

Librarian

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Dear Miss Mann:

I shall be very happy
to accept the invitation to Miss
Countryman's surprise party, unless
something unforeseen occurs to
prevent. Let me know what my
share of the "surprise" is.

Thanks for including
me.

Sincerely

Clara F. Baldwin

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Miss Gratia Countryman,
Public Library Building,
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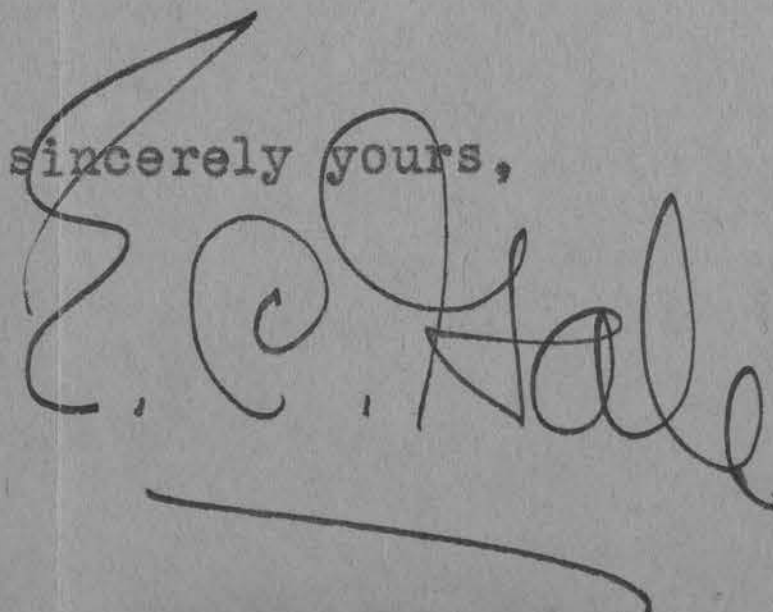
I thank you for your very kind note of congratulation upon my election to position of President of the Library Board. I do not know that it will make much difference in the conduct of the affairs of the Board or my interest in same but I suppose there is a little more responsibility attached to the new position. I am free to say, however, that I would not have accepted it so willingly were it not for the fact that you are Librarian and Secretary of the Board, a position which I trust you will continue to occupy many years until such time as you may wish to become Librarian Emeritus.

And now I have a confession to make. I am going to play truant again. Mrs. Gale and I are leaving today for one of our short trips abroad, returning about the middle of October. There would seem to be nothing pressing however as action on the bond issue has been definitely postponed until 1929 and we will be forced to lease the second floor of our present building at the Harriet Branch for one year at \$75.00 per month, a price which seems reasonable. I do not think you will have any trouble with the budget.

I hope you have had a restful vacation.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,



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The Staff Association

invites you all to a surprise party in
honor of Miss Countryman's twenty-fifth
anniversary as Librarian.

Business Women's Club Auditorium

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Please reply to Miss Mann, Art Department

Am sorry, I am not able to be present.
K F Heiberg

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January Thirtieth [1929²]

My dear Miss Mann: -

I deeply regret not
being able to have a part in The
silver jubilee celebration.

Please extend my congratulations to
Miss Countryman, with whom I also, had
many happy years of library service; and
to whom I can so heartily offer apprecia-
tion of the exercise of one of the most
delightful callings in the world.

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Dear Miss Mann:-

Thanking you for your kind invitation to the surprise party in honor of Miss Countryman's twenty-fifth anniversary as Librarian, I am sorry to say that on account of my chorus having promised to sing in a church Sunday morning we must have a rehearsal Friday. But if I can get away in time I would like to step up and congratulate the Librarian.

Again thanking you for remembering me,

Yours truly

H. Askeland

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LIBRARIAN

Miss Countryman and members of the
Library staff -

In celebrating this 25th Anniversary
of Miss Countryman's Librarianship - I am
asked to make a few remarks,
as the oldest member on the staff -
which reminds me of the Grandfather,
whose young grandson asked him
if he was in the Ark - Being told
that he was not, he looked up in
surprise and said "Then how did
it happen that you were not drowned,
Granddad?" Since I was not drowned,
you will have to bear with me while
I ramble a bit -

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It seems but yesterday, that first day
of February 1904 - when a few of us
gathered around our new Chief to
offer congratulations; and one of the girls,
throwing her arms about Miss Countryman's
neck, said - "Isn't it lovely to have a
chief we can hug!" and we have all
gone on hugging her ever since.

Those were the days of small beginnings -
then the staff at the main library
numbered but 30 - now there are over
a hundred; then there were but 3
branches, now there are 21. But in
spite of all the hard work and energy
that has gone into the building up of
this great institution, I am sure

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Miss Countryman feels as young to-day as
the youngest member of her staff,
and I believe would win out in an
endurance marathon.

It would not be a kindness to you,
Miss Countryman, to wish that you might
celebrate your 50th anniversary at your
desk - but I can see you on Feb. 1st,
1954 - seated beside your own bright
fireside, dispensing hospitality to members
of your former staff - and their children,
and their children's children, and to aid
you in this pleasant task, your staff
wish to present you with a slight token
of their affection and esteem. Hoping
that you will take as much pleasure

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in using it, as we do in giving it,
and secretly hoping that we may be
allowed to judge if you can borrow a
cup of tea as successfully as you can
run a library.

(accompanied by friend
& tea set)

STAFF



STUFF

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WORDS ARE INADEQUATE

You have heard of the old lady in the Mother Goose rhyme who in perplexity said: "Oh deary, deary me, this is none of I." That is the feeling I had as I walked unsuspectingly down the steps into the B.W.C. Auditorium and looked with growing wonder upon row after row of my library family. I still feel that it was a beautiful dream, and I shall never forget the warm feeling that surged through me as I gradually came to consciousness, and realized how my staff was honoring me on my 25th anniversary. I had not thought of that anniversary and much less had I thought of any one noticing it.

After I had adjusted myself to the delightful feeling that my staff had done me the honor of remembering the date, and I had seated myself to enjoy the program which Miss Rood said was to follow, then I was again bereft of my senses by a beautiful gift. How could I, in my wildest dreams, think of anything so surprising and thrilling as a silver anniversary gift of such dimensions. The whole thing was such a huge surprise, that by the time the climax came, with Miss Starr's most flattering poem and a request that I sit for my portrait, I was totally incapacitated for further expression.

I can scarcely think about it yet without choking, but I must try to express my sense of underlying joy and appreciation to you all. The surprise was great, but deeper than the pleasure of the surprise, deeper than the appreciation of the gifts, lies the satisfaction of feeling the devotion of a staff, many of whom have worked shoulder to shoulder with me for years in a common enterprise. I shall never forget this anniversary, nor cease to think warmly of the kindness and good will which celebrated it.

GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD - FEBRUARY 7, 1929

Whereas, Miss Gratia Countryman, the Librarian of the Public Library of Minneapolis, has completed a period of twenty-five years of service, and

Whereas, under her guidance the Public Library of this city has become one of the most outstanding of this country,

Therefore, be it Resolved that the members of the Board extend their congratulations and best wishes to Miss Countryman and the hope that her service with the Library may continue for many years.

THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPLIES TO THE "WELCOME"

Being largely a rural and suburban department, we are not used to the sophisticated city ways and feel quite timid about asserting ourselves before the celebrities on the third floor. We struggle hard to be thought "progressive" but will never presume so far as to give a party until we are first properly welcomed and introduced by our neighbors.

x x x x x

SUMNER BRANCH Oasis or Island

They call us an oasis
In a desert - and you see
While poetically we may be
Practically we can't agree.

For a clearer designation
Is an island - I do think
It's the one place in this wetness
Where you cannot buy a drink.

x x x x x

JUNIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The following compromise the
Committee for this year:

Gordon Jennings & Betty Gagnath,	
	CHAIRMEN
Tom Nolan	Harry Stritman(K)
David Chamberlain	Walter Thomte
Reynold Bunn	Arnold Rundquist
Eleanor Jo Gibbs	Cecil Helbling
Edith Underdown	Frances McCoy(Co)
Sophie Brinda	Anne Brinda(W)
Doris Granberg(N)	

FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR

"Public Library maidens cleaned the Minneapolis Recreation alleys for the high total of 2,139 in the City No.2 division of the Municipal Girls' League and won three games from the W.C.A. crew with scores of 715, 723 and 728."

Three games were won from the Toastmasters the week before. Undoubtedly we're coming up in the world - thanks to Gertrude!

x x x x x

PROFESSIONAL

Speaking of twenty-fifth anniversaries, did you know that Dr. Herbert Putnam will celebrate next April his thirtieth anniversary as Librarian of Congress? Before going to the Conference in Washington next May, you should read Dr. Putnam's article on Our National Library in the February American Review of Reviews. He describes the remarkable changes in that Library in the last four years, due to the endowment by legacies of Chairs of Special Divisions, and the employment of - not Advisers - but Consultants in various departments.

Before meeting Dr. Putnam, read, in the same magazine, Dr. Williamson's article, Herbert Putnam as Librarian which explains his organization of the Minneapolis Public Library, the Boston Library and the Library of Congress. Then read Mr. Newman's article, Herbert Putnam, a Foremost Citizen of Washington. Speaking of the Library of Congress, have you read Amy Lowell's poem, The Congressional Library?

UMMM! VALENTINES!

There're lovers here
And lovers there
In almost every book.
They're also hiding in
the stacks
And many another nook.
The Library is full of them
But they dodge my foolish
rhyme
And only stick their heads out
To greet Saint Valentine!

x x x x

I'll trust myself to Cupid's boat
The Stream of Love to ferry,
If only on the other side
He'll pluck for me a BERRY
(from a County admirer)

x x x x

When in the icy North I dwell
It's frozen ways I must make mine.
And when the 14th comes around
an ICE BERG is my Valentine.

x x x x

I love her in the spring-time
I love her in the fall,
I love her when she's sketching
Or going to a ball,
I love her with her hat on,
Or anyway she's dressed,
Her name is KATHARINE PATTEN
And she's one of the best.

x x x x

Now ADRA FAY and if I may
Make this suggestion- not exacting,
The Reference room is far too gay
With dimples deep in WYER and MAY
And in your own cheeks too-they say
Please take the . out - 'tis too
distracting.

x x x x

Don't whisper it aloud,
My Valentine's M. Todd.

Cowslips are yellow
Roses are pink,
I'll take RUTH ROSHOLT
Quick as a wink!

x x x

TO ELEANOR(SIR WALTER UP TO DATE)
I've thot of little else but you
Since to that weiner roast we

hiked,

My head is hot - my hands are cold
I scarce can breathe - it must be

told

You wore my coat - I got the flu!

x x x

My valentine's the best of all
Her name is GUNHILD OFTEDAL.

x x x

We all grow older year by year,
But G. A. C. is still our dear.

x x x

She turned me down at Christmas
time,

At New Year's too, that's funny,
So Valentine's Day I'll skip -
and try

At Easter time for BUNNY.

x x x

Oh, promise you'll be mine
Oh, do not say me nay.
I'll pine away without you,
My lovely ADRA FAY.

x x x

POLLY	ANNE	SOPHIE
Joyous, saucy, impish misses		
Independent quite of kisses		
Able on your own to stand - and		
yet with such allure - oh		
You three Brindas, have you hearts,		
or		

Will you ever know who are your
Valentines? Don't keep us waiting-
tell us now for sure - oh.

x x x

My sentiments can't be expressed
I'm simply nut about M. Prest!

X X X X

X X X X

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HEARTfelt thanks are hereby
tendered to Miss Mann, Miss Rood,
Miss Abbott and Miss Matson for
poems submitted.

P_R_O_G_R_A_M

"Minneapolis, My Home Town" Night.

Foshay Tower
February 22nd, 1929

Salutatory:-

Mr. Wilbur B. Foshay, President, W. B. Foshay Company

Commercial:-

Mr. Charles L. Harris, President, New England Furniture Company

Educational:-

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Chief Librarian, Minneapolis Public
Library

Financial:-

Mr. J. Cameron Thomson, Vice-President, Northwestern National Bank

Industrial:-

Mr. William C. McFarlane, President, Minneapolis Steel and Machinery
Company

Music and the Arts:-

Mr. Richardson Phelps, Director, The Symphony Orchestral Assn. of
Minneapolis, Inc. Trustee, The Minneapolis
Society of Fine Arts

Professional:-

Mr. Silas M. Bryan, Lawyer

Recreational:-

Mr. Theodore Wirth, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Park Board

Religious:-

Dr. Marion D. Shutter, Pastor, Church of the Redeemer

Social:-

Mrs. Frank M. Warren, Chairman of Water and Waterways Committee of
General Federation of Women's Clubs

Valedictory:-

Mr. Merrill Bartlett, President, Minneapolis Real Estate Board



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(ORGANIZED 1887)

350 Baker Building

PRESIDENT—MERRILL BARTLETT
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TREASURER—ELMER E. KELLY

February 22nd, 1929

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis.

Dear Miss Countryman:-

Do you mind if I add just one more to the many "thank you"s that have been said for your splendid contribution to the success of our "Minneapolis, My Home Town" night just now concluded?

Your able presentation of the educational phase of civic life in Minneapolis coupled so well with each and every one of the other topics presented, and the cooperation of each speaker was so splendid that only the most favorable comment could be expressed.

Cordially yours,

Lamar Hallowell, Chairman,
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

A register letter

February 23, 1929

Mr. Lamar Hallowell

Minneapolis Real Estate Board

Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
the
my contribution to/"Minneapolis, My
Home Town" program, as per your request.

Yours truly,

Librarian

Enclosure

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THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1929.

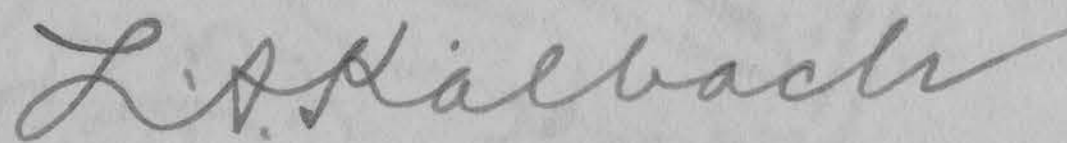
Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian,
Minneapolis Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Countryman:

Your letter of February 14 and article for SCHOOL LIFE describing the work of the Minneapolis Public Library in connection with the rural schools of Hennepin County, have been received. Thank you for your promptness in sending the article. It gives just the kind of information that we wanted, and the photographs fit in nicely with the context.

Ten copies of the issue of SCHOOL LIFE in which your article appears will be sent you.

Cordially yours,



Chief Clerk.



Rho Chapter
of Phi Beta National Professional
Music and Dramatic Art Society is
honored with the acceptance of
Miss Gracia A. Countryman as a
patroness of Phi Beta National
Professional Music and Dramatic
Art Society.

Induction Service for Patrons
Italian Room. Fiddison Hotel
Sunday April 14, 1929 at 3:30 P.M.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

*Gale attended
as delegate from A.S.A.*



C O N F E R E N C E
STATE AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF RURAL SCHOOLS
OF THE MIDWESTERN STATES

Called by WM. JOHN COOPER
United States Commissioner of Education



HOTEL SAVERY, VENETIAN BALL ROOM, DES MOINES, IOWA

June 14 and 15, 1929

PROGRAM

JUNE 14, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Chairman: Maybell G. Bush, State Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin.

Conference Topic: **The Supervision of Instruction.**

What is Supervision? Maude McBroom, Principal, Elementary School, State University of Iowa.

What Supervisory Assistance Do Beginning Teachers Most Need? Hazel H. Ott, Eastern State Teachers College, Madison, South Dakota.

Rural School Supervision:

From the Viewpoint of a Wisconsin County Superintendent.

Edith McEachron, Superintendent, Racine County, Wisconsin.

From the Viewpoint of a North Dakota County Superintendent.

Ethel K. Mertz, Superintendent, Richland County, North Dakota.

From the Viewpoint of a Wisconsin Supervisor of Rural Schools.

Anna Ryss, Supervising Teacher, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Chairman: U. J. Hoffman, State Department of Public Instruction, Illinois.

Conference Topic: **The Supervision of Instruction.** (Continued)

Rural School Supervision:

From the Viewpoint of a State Supervisor.

Anna Swenson, State Department of Education, Minnesota.

From the Viewpoint of a Michigan Rural School Supervisor.

Edith Wellever, Supervisor, Wayne County, Michigan.

From the Viewpoint of a Wisconsin Principal.

D. M. Warner, Principal, Lakeside School, Racine, Wisconsin.

From the Viewpoint of Principals of Large Rural Schools.

G. W. Rosenlof, State Department of Education, Nebraska.

From the Viewpoint of an Illinois Assistant Superintendent.

W. S. Oliver, Madison County, Illinois.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

Chairman: Agnes Samuelson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Iowa.

Conference Topic: **Better Supervision of Rural Schools.**

Extension of Information Concerning Rural School Supervision.

Chloe C. Baldrige, State Department of Public Instruction, Nebraska.

Administrative Provisions Essential for Effective Supervisory Programs.

Katherine M. Cook, U. S. Bureau of Education.

Contributions of Teacher-Preparing Institutions to the Solution of the Problem. George A. Selke, President, State Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Contributions of County Libraries. Gratia Countryman, Librarian, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

JUNE 15, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Chairman: Cassie Burk, State Department of Public Schools, Missouri.

Conference Topic: **Improvement of Teaching Through Supervisory Agencies.**

The Relation of Testing Programs to Supervision.

Orval Tracy, Superintendent, Smith County, Kansas.

Maude I. Gorham, State Teachers College, Hays, Kansas.

Supervisory Guidance Through Teachers' Meetings. Esther L. Knehans,

Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Increasing the Efficiency of Teachers' Meetings. Annie Reynolds,

U. S. Bureau of Education.

Certain Supervisory Purposes Served by Circular Letters. Jessie M. Parker, State Department of Public Instruction, Iowa.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Chairman: Flora Trites, State Department of Education, Minnesota.

Conference Topic: **Equalizing Educational Opportunity Through Supervision.**

Next Steps in Rural School Supervision. Wm. John Cooper, United States Commissioner of Education.

Necessary Background for Rural School Supervisors. L. A. Pittenger, President, Ball Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana.

Demonstration Teaching. Ernest Horn, Professor of Education, State University of Iowa.

Educational Needs of Subnormal Children in Rural Areas. Charles M. Elliott, Professor of Special Education, State Teachers College, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

And With Each Hilarious Climax

She Thought The Party

Was Surely Finished

When a twenty-fifth anniversary arrives, it should receive due consideration. And when it is the twenty-fifth anniversary of service of that wholly beloved chief of the Minneapolis Public Library, it rates a big celebration and the officers of the Staff Association hailed with delight this opportunity to honor Miss Countryman. So the wheels were set in motion and since "Happy memories" must be planned for in advance", careful plans were made to make the evening of February first, 1929, a memorable one.

And the evening finally arrived.

Quietly we gathered in the auditorium of the B.W.C. Quietly, knowing that our chief who was to receive the surprise of her life in this 25th anniversary celebration was tossing balls in the bowling alley below. (Maybe we need not have been so quiet since a bowling alley is noisy - but we exercised our Scotch caution) Best frocks, best smiles, subdued excitement and a looking forward to big thrills!! At nine o'clock we delegated Celia Frost to produce Miss Countryman. Earlier in the evening Miss Countryman had seen Celia at the club and had been told that the Junior High librarians were having a meeting, which indeed they were, practicing their stunt for the party. So Celia could furnish a logical excuse for inviting the chief upstairs. According to Celia's version, inviting her was one thing and bringing her up was quite another. Would she come up and say a word to the Junior High Librarians? She would not. She did not want to see, hear, or talk to librarians this evening. No - and more finally no. But no one will dispute that the messenger whom we sent has a firm and persuasive way of her own, so eventually our chief found herself on the elevator, being piloted toward the upper floors. Always alert, she insisted that Celia was stopping at the wrong floor, but Celia remained smilingly suave and unaware. Then she was on the top step leading down to the auditorium and she caught her first glimpse of the waiting crowd. A puzzled expression came over her face. Why were these library people here? Were they having a party and she hadn't been invited? - and her puzzlement grew. She turned a worried, questioning look toward her companions, but they propelled her forward. Then the scene burst upon her like Wanda Gag's Millions of Cats

"Librarians here - more of them there
Guests, friends and co-workers everywhere.
Hundreds of friends, thousands of friends
Millions and billions and trillions of friends"

And the fun began. Betty Gagneth presented a pretty corsage from the staff. Everyone rushed forward to shake hands and to congratulate a chief who could head so large a

staff for twenty-five years and still remain one of them. It was almost too exciting - this happy crowd of laughing people, so thrilled to think that for once a real surprise party had been perpetrated.

When the little reception was over, the guests were invited to be seated for the program. "What, is there more to this," said Miss Countryman. "I thought this was all." And the "more" began.

The Junior High Librarians - to whom Miss C. wished to say nothing at all, had much to say for themselves. Clever ensemble dancing, delightful little songs and a monologue of a morning in a Junior High library entertained us gorgeously. There was music, lovely music, violin solos by Harry Sherman and Dorothy Amesbury, and piano by Miss Chapman. Miss Cloud, looking adorable in a grayish pink dress and wearing a pretty corsage explained very prettily to Miss Countryman just why we had come together and what it was all about, and to give visible and lasting evidence of our affection, she presented a silver tea set. That seemed the crowning event of the evening, and if our chief was any happier some years back over her first big blue-eyed doll than she was on that Friday evening over this shiny new tea set, we'll never know it. We doubt if she remembers what she said when she acknowledged it but we shall long treasure her expressions of regard for us.

Then - was the party over? Not at all. More than one person was due for a surprise. Leonora Mann had been waiting some time to spring her particular stunt. Pictures were flashed on a screen, laughing baby faces, serious little girls with dogs and dolls, handsome little boys, young ladies strolling on the sea shore with gentlemen friends - which friends Leonora invariably explained were parents or cousins or brothers, oh it was good. Did we recognize them? Hilarity reigned as identities were disclosed. "Isn't she lovely?" "How dreamy-eyed Bunny used to be" "Oh see this one" "Did you ever" "Wasn't Ernest handsome?" "Mrs. Bailey looks just the same. "Who would have believed R. R. could look so pious? And on mercilessly thru the staff. As the last picture was flipped from our sight, Miss Countryman was invited to come to the platform for one more - and the last stunt, after which she was promised release. R.R. had procured a valentine-decked frame. The chief was placed back of it and invited to listen as Miss Starr told her, as only Augusta could do it, that the staff had arranged, pending Miss Countryman's consent to have Miss C's portrait painted for the Minneapolis Public Library - for our own pleasure and the enjoyment of those who will come after us. No one enjoyed Miss C's mystified expression and pretty confusion more than did those who were on the platform with her, Nils, who had been the first to suggest to us the idea of the portrait, Miss Starr who was smilingly reading her poem, and the program spokesman. This last stunt was almost too much for the chief and all

she could say was "What could I do but as you ask?"

But at last her difficulties were over, and the social committee, who, behind the scenes, headed by Miss Haynes, had directed the whole affair appeared with coffee, ice cream and cake. And then the party was really over.

Things Over Which We Smile

Miss Todd's ability to dissimulate.

Mrs. Conger's relief when the necessity for thoughtful prevarication was past.

The library telephone conversations which changed so abruptly to safe topics when Miss Countryman suddenly stepped into somebody's department.

The notices for the party which were parked on Miss Seely's desk and on the bulletin board at Branch A.



MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN, - - - LIBRARIAN
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

TO MISS COUNTRYMAN.
ON HER TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
AS LIBRARIAN OF MINNEAPOLIS.

Hail, Gracious Lady! Chieftain of our band!
To thee we bring our homage as thy due.
Famed through the length and breadth of all the land,
Yet to each one of us a friend most true.

What though the wintry winds blow shrill and high-
The warmer glows our ardent love for thee;
What though the passing years speed swiftly by -
The richer grows our hoard of memory.

True to the high ideals of olden days
That carried Learning's Torch from hand to hand;
Keen for the Vision seen of untried ways
By which that Torch's burning may be fanned;

Swift to the healing of all human ill,
By weaker folk too long endured in vain;
Sure in the hope that ^{yet} Mankind would still
Relieve those needy ones of woe and pain;

Thou hast been ever the Leader, keen and strong,
While we, thy flock, come, slowly, stumbling, past-
Ever the Captain spurring the sluggish throng,
While we trail far behind among the last.

Now on this festal day, we bring thee store
Of glory and love and wishes for thy success.
Honoring thee, we honor ourselves the more,
Joining our hearts and hands in fond caress.

Grant to us now a boon, we pray of thee,
A gift long since desired by all thy crew-
Sit for thy portrait, that we all may see
A picture fine, and boldly drawn, and true;

Painted in everlasting colors fair,
Such hues as only a skillful artist can,
The vision and force, the eyes, the face, the hair,
The soul of Gratia Alta Countryman.

Augusta Starr

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
ORGANIZED 1889

WALTER L. STOCKWELL,
GRAND SECRETARY
FARGO

Sept. 30th, 1929

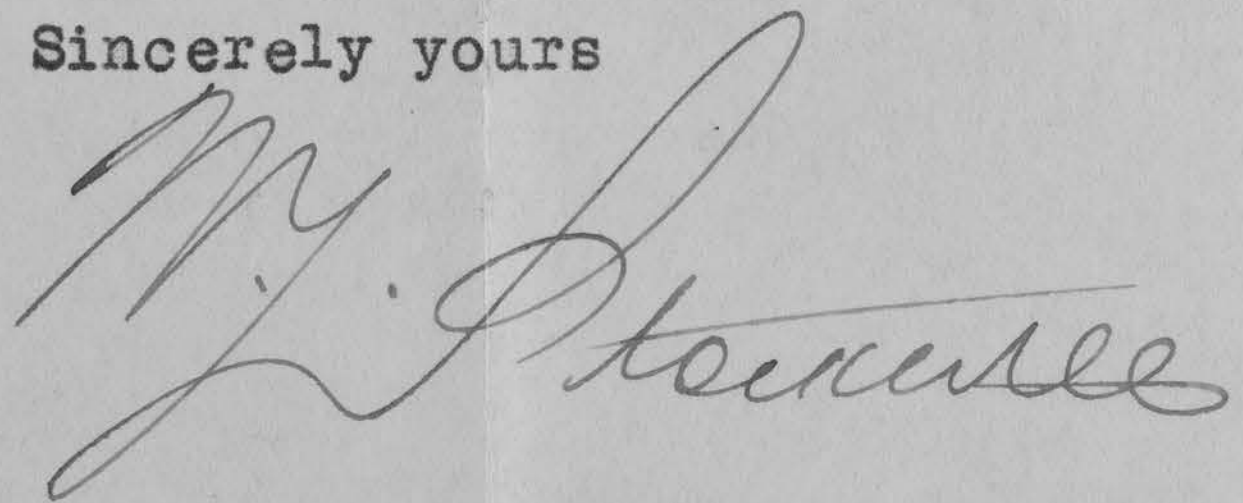
Miss Gratia Countryman,
Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman:-

I was particularly pleased and gratified to see the fine tribute to you in the recent issue of the Minneapolis Journal. One does not usually get front page attention for doing the work that you have done. It certainly is mighty fine to have such splendid service as you have rendered to Minneapolis and Minnesota recognized in so substantial a manner. I heartily congratulate you upon rounding out 40 years of constructive service in one institution. I hope that you can make it 50 and then some.

With warmest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours



WLS:P

MRS. CYRUS W. WELLS
3120 JAMES AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Sep. 30th '29

Miss Countryman, Librarian

My Dear Miss Countryman

I wish to add my words
of congratulations to you in
the splendid work of forty years.
Which you have given to the
library service. Having known you
all this time, it is a pleasure to put
one small spray into your big
bunch of honors - I met cousins
of yours last winter in Florida, they were
just worthier all -

Yours cordially

M. C. Wells (Mrs. C. W.)

[1929]

TO G.A.C.

YOUR "FAMILY" GATHER
HERE TO-NIGHT
TO HELP YOU CELE -
BRATE ;

A SILVER ANNIVERSARY
SHOULD BE A SPECIAL
DATE.

THE GOLDEN SERVICE
OF THESE YEARS
SPENT IN THE M.P.L.,
THIS SILVER SERVICE
FOR YOUR HOME
CAN ONLY FAINTLY
TELL.

THINK OF US AS YOU
USE IT -
THE STREAM E'ER
RUNNING FREE -
THERE'S NO 18th
AMENDMENT
AGAINST A CUP O'TEA.

MISS COUNTRYMAN



MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN, - - - LIBRARIAN

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Bryant Branch,
Sept. 30th, 1929.

Miss Gratia Countryman,
Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,

Dear Miss Countryman:-

We, the staff of the Bryant
Branch Library wish to send
you our good wishes on your
anniversary, and trust you
will continue to be our happy
chief for years to come.

Very Sincerely Yours

Marie Tortin Buchholz
Frances Redman
Celia F. Frost

Mr. Edward P. Wells

Miss Wells

325 Groveland Avenue

Mrs. Edward P. Wells

325 Graveland Avenue

Miss ~~Gratia~~ Lombard
Public Library.

[Oct. 3, 1929]

325 GROVELAND AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Dear Mr. Lomley: here in my
to acknowledge so promptly in
good wishes & congratulations that
went on Sunday &
this family. As you do not
include my father, I think I
must tell you that in
idea & in execution both

originated with him. He feels a great
interest in .

always a fine fellow

Magnificent in uses

Shunday

Personal



Miss Patricia Cunningham
The Public Library
Municipal
Municipal

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

TORONTO.

By heart, impatience
in your silver

Anniversary
John Locke

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Damon

To a great public
Servant.

Whom we
delight to call
our friend

Oct 1, 1929

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Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting

of the

NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



DEVILS LAKE
NORTH DAKOTA

October Third to Fifth
1 9 2 9

PROGRAM

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 3d

2:00—Roll Call.

Appointment of Committees.

Minutes of the 1928 Meeting.

Reports.

"The Adult Education Meeting at Chapel Hill, N. C."

Miss Lillian Cook, Bismarck

"The Madison Conference."

Miss Bessie R. Baldwin, Bismarck

THURSDAY EVENING

8 O'clock

Invocation.

Music.

Address: "Culture in the Machine Age."

Prof. Hunter, Agricultural College, Fargo

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4th

9:00—Visit to the State School for the Deaf.

11:00—"The Library's Contribution to the Church."

Archdeacon Wilfred C. Marsh, Devils Lake

"The Library's Contribution to the Schools."

Superintendent Nelson Sauvain, Devils Lake

PROGRAM

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 4th

2:00—Round Table Discussion on Library Problems.

Miss Countryman in charge

"Personal Experiences of a County Librarian."

Miss Elizabeth Baker, Plentywood, Mont.

"Echoes from the A. L. A."

Mr. Wm. Carlson, University Library, Grand Forks

4:00—Automobile Trip to Lakewood and Fort Totten.

FRIDAY EVENING

8 O'clock

Music.

Address: "What the County Library Has Meant to the Schools."

Miss Gratia Countryman, Minneapolis

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5th

9 O'clock

Treasurer's Report.

Election of Officers.

Reports of Committees.

"Efficient School Library Service."

Mrs. Byrnes, Mayville

11:00—Adjournment.

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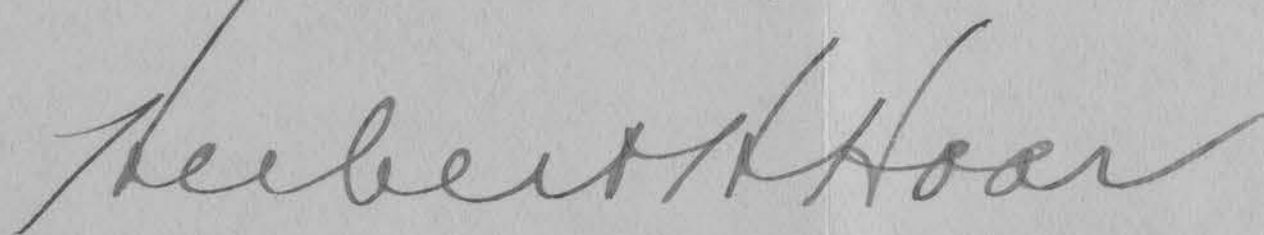
October 3, 1929.

Miss Gracia A. Countryman,
c/o Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Countryman:

Permit me to congratulate you upon
the fine work which you have been doing and the
length of time of your efficient service. I
was very pleased to read about it in the Journal
recently.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Herbert H. Hoar". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours very truly,".

HHH:D

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