



March 5.

My dearest Ruth, Life has been pretty full since I despatched my last letter from Boston. That place was extremely friendly & the best of it was the Browns with whom I stayed - a really lovely couple whom I want to see more of; they were just as kind as they could be. I can't see that he is worth interesting, but a very keen mountaineer who seems to know as much about Everest as I do, about 50 years old & I suppose very rich - a genial "old boy"; his wife is very gentle & charming & cultivated without being highbrow, very fond of pictures - they have quite a number chiefly of French Impressionist

I have been more happy with these people than anywhere else.

Boston itself is rather charming - quite a lot of good XVIIIth & even XVIIth century buildings - one delicious church. It's perhaps more like Dublin than anywhere else I know, but not so good. I had quite a bit of goodish talk - Boston - to the women I've come to the conclusion who mostly spoil it in this country - they feel they must talk & won't let talk become general or allow time for anything to be born or grow naturally; but in Boston they seem to be better educated.

I had two lectures the first at Harvard (Cambridge, Mass is only 20 min } car

from Boston) where 80 of were undergraduates - as good an audience as I remember. They received me very well & were evidently thrilled & amused. There's no doubt people over here are really impressed by the story, & I shall feel that the lectures have been worth while even though the number remains small for the time spent in this country. The other lecture in Boston was to a comparatively humble body, corresponding perhaps to a combination of the Rucksack Club, Pinnacle Club, if you leave out the difficult climbing, only more numerous - the Appalachian Mountain Club. We dined before the lecture at 6.0 & before I had done I had shaken hands with & listened to speech

from an incredible number of people. They
were just as provincial as a middle class
English crowd in perhaps York & perhaps
even more so, to be honest - but after all
very simple & just & extremely appreciative;
these New Englanders are much more
English than New Yorkers. And from
all this fizzly things grow - a publication
is to be arranged in Boston later, chiefly by Bee
• Some schools are making inquiries; the
clubs too want to get one but very few will
pay the price: but I have here in the
afternoon, early in the season, with plenty
of time for things to grow the tour might
really have done quite well.

I left Boston today, interviewed Reedick
• two press people, dined out & travelled



To Philadelphia for an afternoon lecture
on Saturday - another big audience
there, at least 1200 - stayed outside
PA that evening (dinner party); went to
Sunday morning, 30 mile S motor to see
a stunt in greenhouse - lunch party -
2 sets of prints to see later & took
train at 7.0 for Toledo which I reached
at 12.35 p.m. today for an evening
lecture. It has been rather boring
though Toledo itself with its brick
roads well planted with trees & wooden

hungsaloos looks attractive even now &
must be ever more so when the trees
come out. I'm now in the train (6
12.45 a.m.) after my evening lecture
on the way to Buffalo so as to get a
chance of seeing Niagara to-morrow.
My bunk is comfortable enough after
one in a way the train is not overheated
but I regret to say we reach Buffalo
at 7.10, which will be too early for
me after a night journey last night.

I will probably write from Niagara
Mean while good night & God
bless you.

Oh! I forget to say

that I've recovered from my gripe or
whatever it was & these last three
days have had an appetite.

Please thank Clara for her letter
give her a special kiss for that.

Ever your loving

George.