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September 14, 1946.

Dear Friends:--

We have just read with interest the last of the travelogues, with the same keen interest that the others have commanded.

We are glad that you are home safe and sound, and hope that the trip may be as pleasant in memory as the one we took to England and Ireland in 1931, a trip made much more happy for us because of a certain gift of \$100.00 which we have not forgotten but hold in grateful remembrance.

You will be glad, I am sure, to know that we are letting others who knew you and are interested in world affairs and our relation to them as Friends have the privilege of reading these travelogues, and they are finding them very interesting, too.

We'd be glad indeed if it were possible for us to visit Friends and friends across the sea again, but that does not appear at all likely. Rebecca's health has been so poor for the past three months and more that instead of spending the summer, as we had hoped, at our cottage on the Big Nestucca near the beach, we have not been able to get over there even for a day. But we still hope.

We had organized a community-wide campaign for European relief last spring, and raised some thousands of dollars and secured a good many hundreds of pounds of used clothing, but our committee disbanded and terminated our work when we were assured that the UNRRA was going to organize a nation-wide campaign for the raising of funds, and had made their selection of a leader for this community, who had disclosed his plans to us. Now he informs us that he is going to do nothing in the matter, and has so informed the UNRRA. Newberg is just organizing a community chest campaign, which will not include any funds for relief across seas. I hope to present the matter to the ministerial association day after tomorrow, and hope that the churches will take up the campaign. The organization last spring was started by our Friends Service Committee here, of which Rebecca is chairman. Well, I hope we shall encourage the churches here to do a fairly adequate thing, even though we know that everything that Newberg has would be only a drop in an ocean of need.

Again thanking you for including us in the list of those so fortunate as to receive these travelogues, and with best wishes from us both,

Sincerely your friend,

J. Passmore and Anna G. Elkinton,  
121 South Third St.,  
Philadelphia 6, Penn.