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Ida H. Grant to Aunt Laura, May 10, [1889]

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1889 Vienna, May 10th

dear Aunt Laura,

I am much ashamed
to find that I have
written home so seldom,
but my time in London
was really so thoroughly
impressive, that I had
not a moment to myself.
We took the children
through the ~~Tower~~ and

Went through Westminster
Abbey with Archdeacon
Farrar who afterwards
gave me tea in his
house and asked us
to the consecration of
a bishop next day.

We were also, presented
to the Queen as we
happened to be there
at the time of one of
her "Drawing Rooms"

3rd

"

In the way we saw
her very well as Fred
and I went in with
the diplomats, I being
about 5th from the
front to enter, and
we all stood right
near the Royal family
with the diplomatic
corps during the entire
reception, so could see

Each person well, as
they were passing. The
Queen looked very stout
and plain, and the
Prince very much like
her, also, his Children,
but the Princess was
charming and refined
looking. The Duchess
of Albany and Duchess
of Edinburgh re-
ceived also. I wore the

5th

Only yellow dress
and Court train at
tached to one shoulder
with white feathers,
white tulle veil on
my head with three
white feathers fastening
it on - Pa and all
who came in to see me
dressed thought it very
becoming, for I was

The Matinee is perfectly
elegant and I suppose
told me I
was very tired and
had quite a cold in
London as the raw
chilly air did not have
a good effect upon
me, and both of the
children took colds
there, but otherwise
no from London

Im

"

Perfectly Charming
It is such a tremendous
place and the people
are very polite contrary
to usual reports. We
have some very nice
callees and diners
every night. Fred dined
with the Lord Mayor
which is really some-
thing to do, and always

curious in the numerous
ceremonies that are
gone through with, even
as the passing around
of the huge gold
"Serving Cups" and the
Sergeants uniforms &
the different officials
who pass about and
stand behind the chair
of the Lord Mayor. We
saw a great deal of the

9th

in London and he was
extremely kind to the
Children taking them
everywhere to see every
thing. It was rather
amusing that I should
have taken such great
care of the Children
always, and then when
I got off in a strange
land, I should have

left them so much
to themselves. They
put themselves to bed
almost every night
alone, and though
tired from the day's
they did a great deal of
sight-seeing - On the
way to Vienna we
remained one night
at Cologne
and went

all through the beauti-
ful Cathedral there.
The Children were
specially interested as
it was the birthplace
and old home of
their nurse Elsie.
We found nice apart-
ments engaged for us
here, by the Minister
who is now going out

General Sartton of
Georgia. He is quite
old, about 70 years
and is inclined to
give just fault with
all the Minister has
to say and his
small allowances
any clerks in Dept. are paid by him
etc. etc. I think the
City most beautiful, very
right and very healthy
in every way agreeable.

13th

Fred does not take
his position until he
is presented to the Emperor
and hands in his letter
from our State Dept.

He will not speak to the
Roosevelt who seems a
very nice fellow until
then - We understand
he has given up his
apartments and expects

to learn the 1st of June but
will know and hear more
later on — One thing is
absolutely necessary &
that is that the Secretary
of Legation must be
perfectly familiar with
German as much of the
Correspondence of the
Legation is in that lan-
guage — Roosevelt was
educated in Germany.
We have heard not a word
from the State Dept. but

16th

Of course "Bad, Knows
about the letter Fred
sent, ^{to the President,} as a copy was for-
warded to him. I write
this scrawl for all who
may wish to see it, and
shall not write to Ma
until I hear whether or
not Sis has persuaded
Ma to go to London with
her. I was expecting
her there. I hope
you are well and in

Can never tell you
how delighted with the
fur wraps which we used
continually and what
money I have done without
the beautiful Procade, which
I bought the prettiest
dress at the Queen's Court.
I saw the American Stuckey
Marlborough who was
presented for the first time
that day coming with the
storages Stuckey—

We will write often and
all the family must send
letters to the American