

Camp Columbia, Cuba,

January 8th 1901

My dear Jennie:

I received your letter of the 3rd yesterday. This morning I received a card from the Express office in the city informing me that there is a package of cakes addressed to me with 50¢ charges to pay on it. I would like to send you a check for [unclear] but I do not think there is \$10.00 to my credit now at the bank so they will have to wait awhile. I have not heard from Dr. Fisher yet and it is probable that he has not been paid as there is often a delay of a few days.

Dr. McConnell and Dr. Bispham both arrived on the transport today but McConnell knew nothing about my suit. You do not say how you addressed it so I do not know whether it has come or not. I will probably be able to go into the city tomorrow or the next day to find out. If it was not addressed to come by M.S. Transport it is in all likelihood still in the hands of the Express Co. in Brooklyn.

We drove into town today and paid a perty call on Mrs. Gen. Wood. She is a very handsome and amiable woman. I had to go in khaki and felt very much ashamed as everybody else was in black. Mrs. Bispham is a very plain woman but she seems to be very nice. The Starks and R have formed an intense dislike for him and all sorts of unkind things are said about her appearance & etc.

I took dinner at Camp Lazear today. That is the name given to an experimental camp. I was invited yesterday and ate dinner there. Today Dr. Reed was invited but as our work happened to bring us there at lunch time and he was bound to stay I also remained and ate in camp dinner. We had mast pork, baked beans, mashed potatoes, pickles, catsup, bread, butter, canned peaches, condensed milk, iced water, coffee and red wine.

Reed is talking now of letting me go back in February and of ~~bringing~~ having Mrs. R come down and return with him in April. Of course that would throw the college course on to me and I would refuse it if I could. But I cannot at present think I should like to sever all connection with him.

With love and kisses to all

Your affect. Husband

James