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## William James (psychologist) correspondence

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Primarily consists of originals and copies of handwritten letters, postcards, and one manuscript written by James. Correspondents include cousin Anne Edwards, Professor W. Lutoslawski, Susan Goldmark, Thomas Sergeant Perry, Guy Waring, and others. Topics include James' writing, his health, the 1906 San Francisco earthquake (James and his family were at Stanford University when it happened), lecturing and travel, care of the insane, the change in Harvard University's presidency in 1910, and other topics. Also included is a letter from Alice James, William's wife, to Guy Waring after William's death; Karl Menninger's reading notes from James' San Francisco earthquake manuscript; and a 1970 article on James' life.

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at table. They looked  
away, became uneasy, and  
hastened to leave. Speech  
must have an object, for  
the 'real' American to tol-  
erate it.

But more than enough!  
Can't we go together in  
June for a couple of weeks  
to the North Carolina Ms.

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I wish you would say yes!  
I hope you are all well,  
and good news from the  
Architect. Conveyed  
as both to Mrs. Howells.

Yours ever

W. James

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95 Brattle St  
Cambridge, Mass  
Sept 22. 95

My dear Sir,

I thank you heartily  
for your letter, which contains  
a most interesting human docu-  
ment. There is no doubt  
that individuals differ amazingly  
in the degree to which they

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are sensible of their space  
coordinates. I for example  
have no "bump," and no sense  
of <sup>anything</sup> ~~the common to~~ in the way  
of space common to remote  
localities. Boston & N.Y. e.g.  
occupy two entirely unrelated  
places, and the different quarters  
of Cambridge have no frontage  
in relation to each other. I  
can't tell you know what sort  
of an angle Kirkland Street makes  
to Brattle Street. Even in

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his recent book Entwurf zu  
einer physiologischen Erklärung  
der psychischen Erscheinungen,  
gives an account of his own  
sense of direction, which seems  
to be abnormally acute and of  
some experiences which gave  
him great distress when it  
was accidentally destroyed. E.g.  
When at night he came to Heidel-  
berg to study for a year he got  
twisted in the Railroad, and  
during the entire year the place

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refuses to let consent with  
the rest of the world, then  
would it rise in the East etc.  
(pp. 235-9).

Thank you also for your  
kind words about my book.

Yours sincerely

Wm James

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20<sup>th</sup>  
July  
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Dear Miss Goldmark

I thank you heartily  
for your kind letter of ap-  
preciation of my article - the  
second I have received. It is  
a lonesome world! - I  
hope that everything is going  
well at Bryn Mawr as it  
should be at that both

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You and your sister are so  
filled with mountain views  
that every thing will seem  
easy to you. My trip  
to Keene heights did me a  
lot of good.

Faithfully yours

Wm James

95 Irving St. Cambridge

Oct 8. 1895

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To Miss Susan  
Goldmark  
Bryn  
Mawr  
College



20<sup>th</sup> April 19<sup>th</sup>  
1897 or '98

April 19

Dear Miss Goldmark,

I am coming, as you  
doubtless are aware, to make  
a speech to your Graduate  
Club on Saturday evening  
next - <sup>and zwar</sup> <sub>"</sub> in the Chapel, as  
I learn somewhat to my  
consternation.

I hate to be at  
Bryn Mawr without  
making you a special visit

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So I propose (D. v.) to  
turn up about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4  
o'clock, or as near thereabouts  
as may be, and look you  
and your sister Josephine  
up. The fair Pauline  
held out a prospect of  
being at Bryn Mawr  
about this time, so posse-  
ibly I shall see her too.

I hope you are very  
well. I hear that the  
brilliant Josephine is lead-  
ing the College. Most sincerely  
Yours, Wm James

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1893

James (6)

Dear Cousin Anna,

I think I told  
you that Mame had  
refused to give up the  
chairs. I have written  
to her again claiming  
at least one, but get  
no reply. I think  
she deserves a certain

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amount of worrying,  
for the good of her soul.  
Florence's soul may be  
bad, but ~~not with that~~  
~~but with another~~  
kind of badness, and  
I imagined that she  
would yield one of  
the minors, of I repre-  
sented my destitute  
case. She does so, grace-  
fully, in the letter which

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I enclose. I have written  
to her to say that I  
will pay for it as soon  
as it arrives and that  
she had better order it  
sent here direct instead  
of via Philadelphia,  
which will cost more.

Will you or Kethy  
kindly see about the af-  
fairs at that end. Perhaps

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She has no money to pay  
for it, and I must pay  
the estate direct to get  
it paid. If so, pray  
let me know.

Of course the mirror  
must be ultra carefully  
packed.

Affectionately yours

Wm James

95 Irving St. Cambr. May 1.

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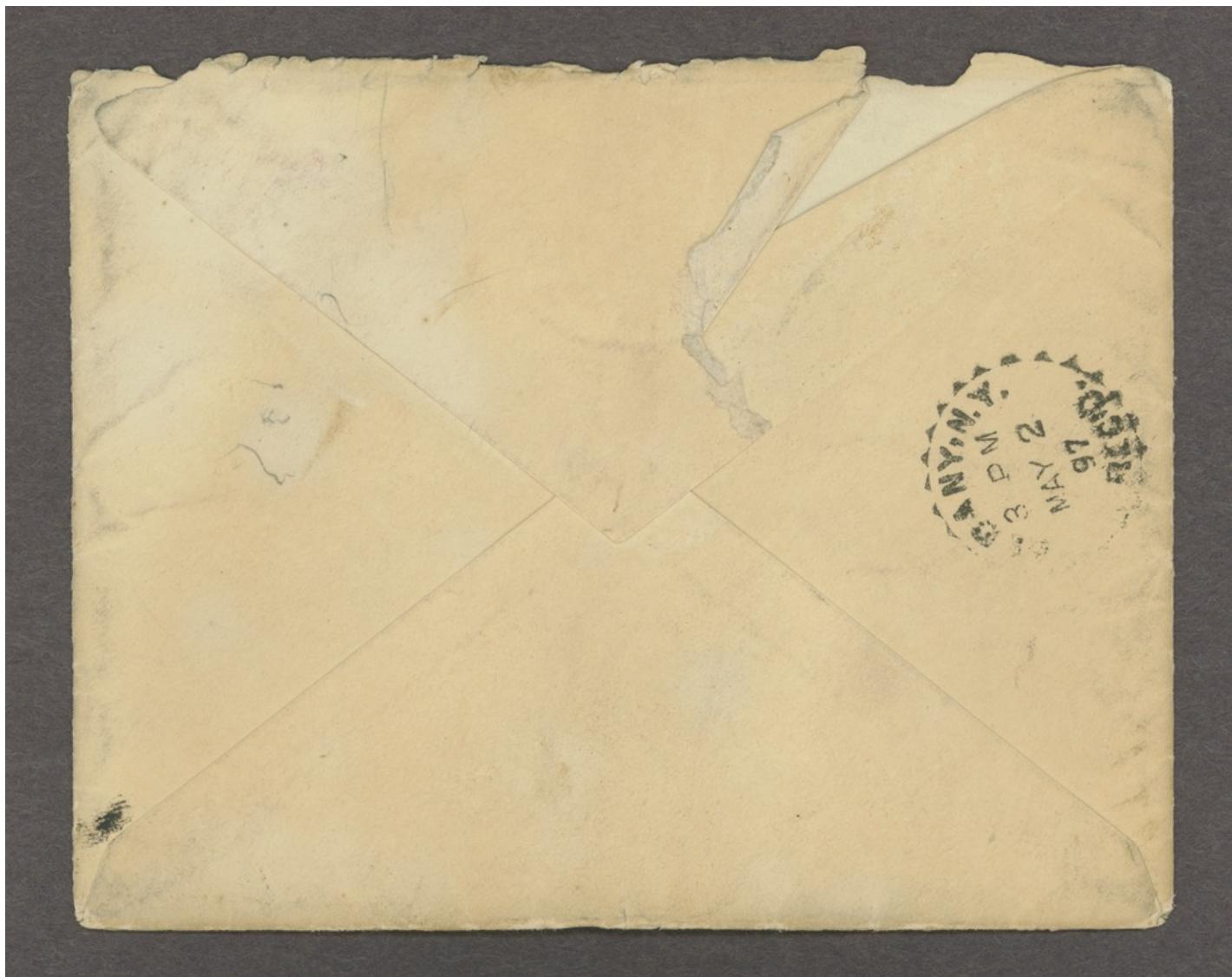
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\* He refuses to send ~~without cash~~ goods without cash first received.  
She refuses to send cash without goods first received.

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95 Irving St.

Cambridge May 12.

Dear Cousin Anna,

At the only way I  
can see out of the dead lock  
which obtains between Flo.  
rence and Mr. Blake,  
I have suggested to F.  
that she send you an order  
to Blake to stop the  
runner whilst I send  
you a check for \$30 which

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You can show him as his  
~~reward~~ immediate reward  
in case ~~you~~ <sup>he</sup> obeys her or-  
ders.

I enclose the check  
and curiously watch  
developments.

I hope that Kitty will  
be able to come to us  
for the little ~~of~~ visit  
that Alice has proposed.

Of course I stand good  
to pay Blake for the extra

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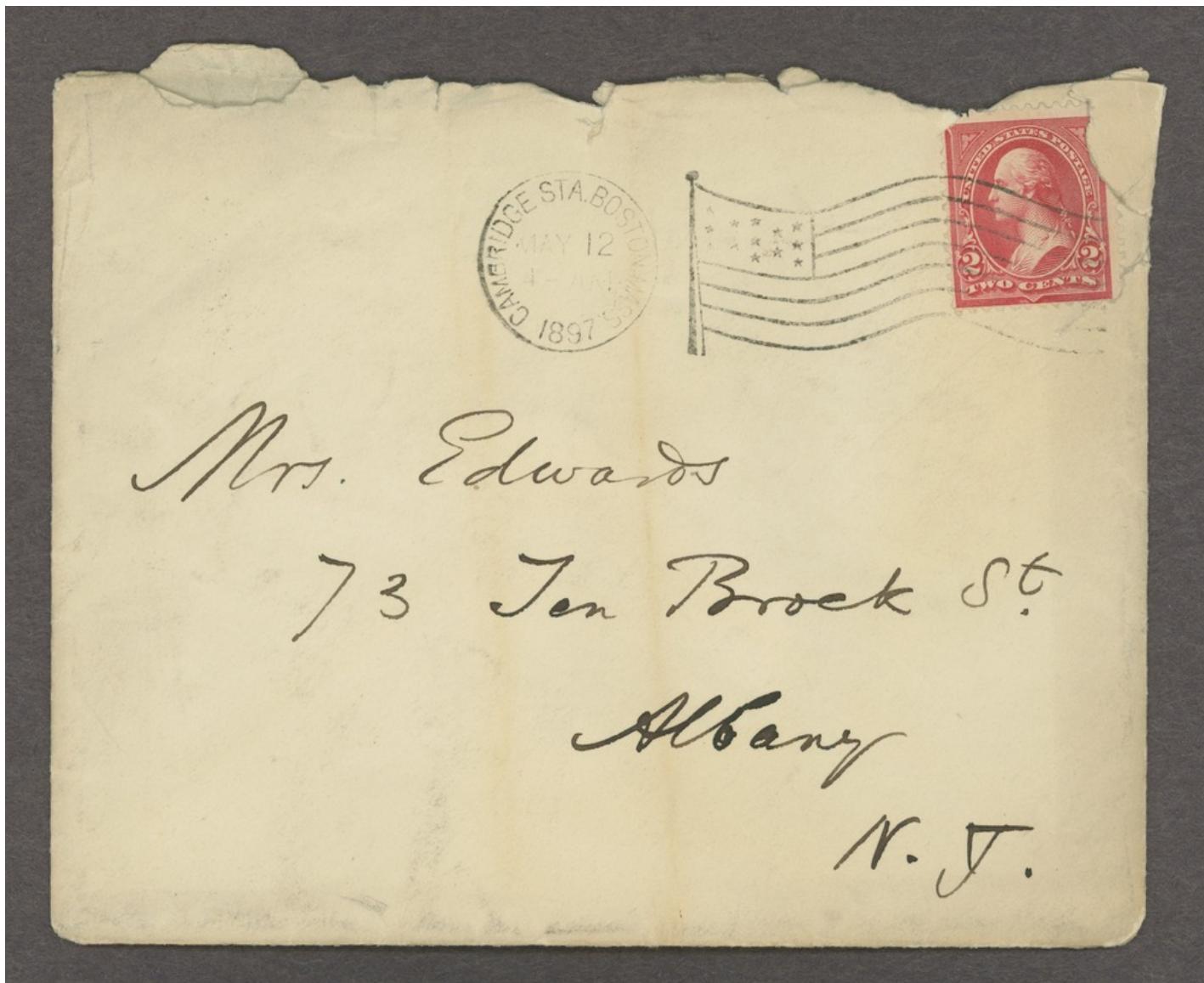
Packing - what cover that  
maybe - so I send check  
for \$31.50.

Affectionately yours  
Wm James

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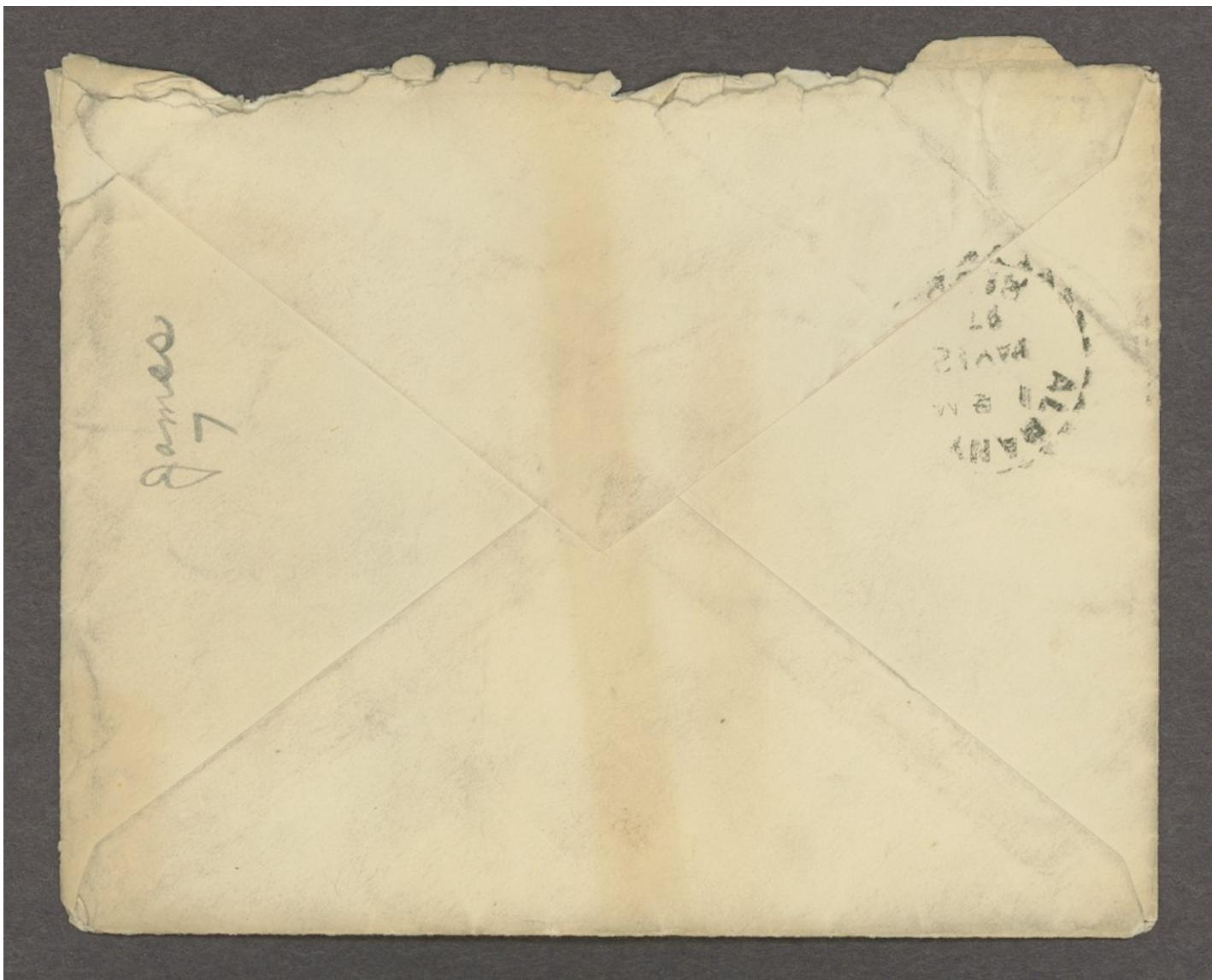
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Villa Louise, Bad: Nauheim, Germany, Aug 4. 1899

Dear L. - Yesterday your card sent to the care of B. S. & Co.  
London arrived - but not the letter which you say you sent a  
week before. I will write to them about it, if it doesn't come  
to-morrow. I duly put your letter of June 29th, sent to Cam.  
*W. J. of course* bridge.. It touched my heart by its goodness. I don't know  
what kind of a man you are to live with - I should have to set  
Madame's testimony as to that; but as expressed on paper your  
nature is superior to that of any character in history! Of course  
I shall write the preface - I have not yet written it, and  
prefer to see the English proofs before doing so. I hope the  
publishers, American & English, will now soon be provided. - As  
to paying you a visit, and seeing Poland, how delighted I should be for  
such an opportunity. But it is leider unmöglich. I have a bad illa-  
tation of the heart, and after 6 or 7 weeks of "Kur" here (I perfectly  
loath the invalid life) I must go stracks to England without losing a  
day, to settle down near my brother and write like mad, so as to get my course  
of lectures at Edinburgh finished by Jan. 15th. Not a day to lose in travel, sight-

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Chocorua, N. H.

June 9. 89

My dear Myers,

I have been very derelict, or must have seemed so, in leaving your letters unnoticed and my trip to ~~the~~ Sanape unannounced to you. I decided to go, and wrote to Mrs. James and my brother to that effect, meaning to write also to you. But almost immediately things here took

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a & help which made it  
doubtful whether I could get  
away at all, and it is only  
since yesterday that I have  
definitely determined to push  
off.

I sail on the Cephalonia  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>. I may get off  
at Queenstown to see a bit of  
Ireland, but it is doubtful.  
I will announce my arrival  
to you, whenever I get to London,  
whether I shall repair (to my  
brother's H. James, 34 de  
Vere Gardens W) very soon

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after landing. I need not say how glad I shall be to pay you a visit at Cambridge. You'll find me bring you a sorry account, I fear, of our "Society" here; and in fact it will be lucky if you don't find me a rather sorry person altogether, for on my two ~~last~~ last visits to England, the "air of the place" produced for a month after my arrival so strange a prostration of strength and spirits that I could hardly drag on foot after another. However, it may be better

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this term, although my <sup>prime</sup> motive  
for going away is that I am  
quite used up.

You speak of the possibil-  
ity of getting a room for me  
in Paris. I am afraid you  
may find it hard eno' to  
get one for yourself, without  
thinking of me. But if you  
should find it easy to do so  
whilst making arrangements for  
your own party, I should esteem  
it a favor quite providential.

My dates in Paris will be the  
same as yours. — Believe me  
with warm regards. Yours cordially

Wm. James

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*Always B. S. & Co.*  
Carguieranne, March 30. — Yours of the [1900]  
24th. came day. I am glad you are going to  
take a pilgrimage, and hope it will be for the full  
5 weeks, without excitement, and that you will go  
as slow as you can when you get back. But such  
hopes might as well be expressed to a dynamo!  
We leave this hospitable room on Monday for  
the Hotel at Costebelle 4 miles off. By April  
20th. we shall be in Geneva, and early in May  
at Nauheim again, for Schott's advice. None  
judging by subjective sensibilities! After being better  
I am worse again, can't walk at all, or do anything  
serious at present. <sup>★</sup>I have, however, written a 2nd.  
Gifford lecture. Leb' wohl! be well! W. J.

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Yours Card of Aug 1. finds me here at Ostend on this <sup>1900</sup> Aug. 10th. in bed now in my 8th. day, with boils on my abdomen! They caught me on my way from the 4 Wald-Schlattsees to England, where I expect to spend a while with my brother. I expect to be able to travel again the day after to-morrow. Gifford lectures? - no indeed. In a ~~day~~ year with absolutely no other occupation to think of, the very utmost I have been able to do is to have written four of them, and those have still to be revised! That paints the whole story of my non-compos condition. — I thought I had written you after Nauheim why I could not see your friend Sczepanowski there. I regretted it, but was not well enough, and left too suddenly. \* I don't care which of the great Nations comes out undermost in the history now in process of enactment all over the world. I go in for small nations and small things generally — Switzerland, for example! more civilized than any piece of Europe or America. — I know those words of strategy.