Aluechurch
nr Birmingham
June 5-97

Dear Friends

Iam intensely interested in seeing you are coming to our side the Atlantic. We saw it in the New York Age. about 2 days before receiving the paper you kindly sent - but in the midst of preparation

for leaving home for a month I left writing till I reached this (comparative) haven of rest (the delightful country home of one of my cousins). My sister and I want you to come to us for a little time of rest on first landing - before you begin to see people & places &c.

If you come to Southampton by the "American Line" or any other, you could reach us within a few hours (2 or 2½ usually) though we are but about 50 or 60 miles from the port & you could make yourselves really at home with us for as many days or weeks as you needed before going forth - further.

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You will feel battered
& tired, & fresh country
air - trees, shady lawn
fresh country food - & nothing
expected of you will
or should be of use
& it will be such a
pleasure to us - such
an honour to serve
or try to serve you
I know there may be
duties to prevent all this
& it may be you ought to
go straight to an Hotel
to rest - so I will not dare hope
too much - till I
hear from you, to press & altitude - to hurry

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