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Dear Walter,

I have before me your letter of Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> - It will be as great a relief to you to relinquish the duties of the Shakespeare Club as it was for me to give up the Secretaryship of the N.E. B.C., - nay greater! for my service was 26 years, yours 42. As a past treasurer you will be able to figure out the proportion. There always mingles some regret in such a move but it is wise I think not to hold on too long. Things will not run as smoothly as they did in your day but they will get there somehow just the same. The eclipse occurred last evening in this part of the world and was only partial. It came just before sunset & clouds made it invisible. We are hoping you may have had a good day. I always think of the enthusiasm of Dr. Kennedy when eclipses occur. He saw two very remarkable ones, one in the South and the other in Burgos in Spain and they impressed him greatly. I am sorry we were not where it was total, for it has never been my fortune to witness one and I don't suppose I ever shall!

We are still at Bonds' Hotel in Beaulieu and life has been rather quiet for me lately for I rather overdid ten days or two weeks ago & sent up my blood pressure a bit. Now I am coaxing it down by rest. I do not seem to be able to do any climbing whatever and as everything in this



blooming country is up or down hundreds of steps it is not adapted to my needs. We are so comfortable however that we stay on though we are throwing out feelers towards new fields. Caruth and his wife sailed yesterday for Genoa & Rapallo but we shall not go to meet them. Railroad communications are very slow here, especially when a frontier has to be crossed. Two or three hours are consumed at the custom house passing baggage &c. We are enjoying very much the proximity of Prof Geo. W. Pierce and his wife, who are at Nice with their car. They have taken us all to ride with them repeatedly and we have made some glorious expeditions which alas I cannot go on with.

All the interest here is in the back country where the little towns are on peaked steep hills with streets so narrow that no vehicles could possibly pass. Lots of these streets break into stairs at intervals. Perhaps a mule might negotiate them but it is not easy to take one along with us in the automobile. Moreover as I have not ridden since I was fourteen years old my blood pressure would probably resent the method of exercise as much or more than if I walked. Give my best regards to Wm Robinson & Eaton. I'll get around I hope to visiting to them some time but so far I have not been able to. With love from Blanche & me & kind remembrances to Miss Brown

Very sincerely yours  
Dear Walter, Some day I will write you a letter too! We think  
Smith F. Williams & P. Well love Blanche



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