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Jan. 10, 1950

Dear Ida:

My letter saying don't come till 1951 crossed yrs saying you were coming. Well, crowded or not, you'll have a wonderful time, a beautiful time, and let's hope there will be some cancellation of reservations by people who will be apprehensive of the crowding. I've heard of some such cancellations.

It may be hard for you to come where I shall be next summer, after about June 1st. It will probably be in the Italian Alps and probably be far from your planned route, but just where, I don't know and may not know for months. But it may be possible for you to cut out one day of the party's schedule and skip up there.

I'm still blissfully resting, getting in shape again after the strenuousness of the 3½ journey, and just now am I beginning to begin to get to work. Alec Manson proves to be an excellent chess player, and we have one game daily between tea and eight-o'clock dinner. And I'm reading the Cambridge Modern History volume on the Renaissance, after finishing the excellent Thompson-Johnson "Introduction to the Middle Ages" -- an introduction indeed; 1000 pages of fairly small type. And Italian daily. But no parties whatever.

Claude must be steaming down the Red Sea now - the trip Genoa to Australia will take a month.

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