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Letter from Anna Hempstead Branch, New London, Connecticut, to Anne Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, 1909 April 17

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from W. H. Branch
New London -
Conn.



Miss Anne Whitney
"The Charlesgate"
Beacon Street
Boston
Mass.

April 1909
The Hempstead House
New London - Conn.

Dear Miss Whitney:

How often, these last months, I have thought of you and wished that I might see you. I went abroad, last August, with my dear friend, Mrs. Richard Mansfield, expecting to be gone a whole year.

Just this abroad. I have always longed to go and you can imagine how I loved the collage at Coleridge and exquisite to receive. It seems almost strange to find myself back in our New England here.

I do hope that the spring weather finds you well. I send as many Wrights in your direction, as all such loving ones. But I think sometimes you must feel them round about you and perhaps say - "There - that's Anna Branch, leaving me." Always your affectionate friend
Anna Branch!

But I returned in December
because of my father, whose
long illness came to an end
and three weeks ago tomorrow.
Now the grass is growing green
upon our lawn and the arbutus
is out and we have had early
violets from our neighbor's
garden.

Most of the time that I was
abroad, we lived in a sweet
little town named Vevey,
on Lake Lemman. There
were splendid mountains all
around and he took glorious

walks for the air was so exhilarating
that we never grew tired. Mrs. Manfield
put her little boy into school at
Vevey, so that he could learn to speak
French. He lived in a lovely
apartment, looking over the lake.
And I used to obtain my French
lessons out on a balcony in the
hot sunshine, reciting French poetry
and looking off over that blue
lake! of such blue! It was my