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My dear Pippa.

The chief result of my first week here has been a rise in weight <sup>of 4 lbs.</sup> owing to lashings of porter and air <sup>in plenty</sup> and exercise in extreme moderation.

I have also got a cold in the nose which is rather disagreeable but as everybody else here has ditto it doesn't much matter.

The weather has not been very good so far and I have not been anywhere except along

the mall which is the road  
into the 'town' and is fairly level.  
Halfway between the town and  
the hotel is the bandstand library  
and Criterion where the band  
plays 3 times a week and it  
is the fashion to have tea at  
the Criterion and listen to it.

The hotel is chock full, about  
120 people I should think and  
there is a concert or a dance  
or something nearly every  
night. I am most fear-  
fully lazy and as usual

have put off writing till the  
last minute but I will  
attempt to write a decent  
letter next week.

Yr loving

Ralph