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Dear Mr. Christy

I rec'd your letter of Oct 18 the day before yesterday.
As yet I do not know when I shall return to
England & so have no suggestions re lecturing to offer
you. Compared to my former experiences —
my great journey thru Albania for example — my
life here now has been very tame. All is upset &
demoralized by the war & I have not collected any
facts of interest concerning the subject at which I
really work. Folk lore, tribe origins &c.

Perhaps however you could get me some lecturing letters
on the Balkan lands as they were before
the war. War so far as I'm concerned has
meant the same sorts of discomfort without the
interest - adventure - & information.

I was much annoyed that my name was printed in
the paper. I've done a lot of work for ^{other} papers on
the whole & it's all nonsense making out I'm the
first ^{woman} war correspondent. Last year during the
Albanian insurrection I was correspond^{ing} at the
time & had far more interesting experiences.
I got a letter from an agent of yours to asking me &

let him act as my agent if I write a book on the war
But as yet I don't know if I shall as
I have no time & the war does not offer me scope
for the sort of book I'm interested in.

In any case I've had a literary agent for years &
could not change.

I didn't get your telegram, ^{so far as I could tell.} that you mentioned.
Postal arrangements have been all messed up
by the war & one hasn't been able to do any
of one's usual work. I've been reduced to doing
hospital work for the last 6 weeks. And have just
knocked off in order to attend to correspondence

Hospital work in infectious hospital -
mostly typhus - is tiring which is my excuse for
not writing you before re the book. The letters letter
only just to hand. sincerely yours

Mr. T. Sturges

Please remember me to your brother who collects
fire places & fire irons. I'm afraid all these
interesting local customs now are being rapidly swept
away. The wholesale houseburning of the past
three years has destroyed out here a lot of
interesting stuff.