



HÔTEL DU PARC.

• Quimper •

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My dear Will

If you have an atlas at home you can easily find Quimper. It is a town with 17600 inhabitants and therefore not a very large town. In fact there are not many very large cities in France. The people on the whole preferring to live in the country and cultivate their farms and market gardens. In this respect they are much wiser than the people of some other lands who desert the land and rush into the cities where they often have a poor worse struggle to live and support their families and where life is not so healthy as on the farm. Quimper has a very fine cathedral which we have been to visit and which I will show you pictures of on my return. You never heard such a noise as is going on here. It is Fête time and there are merry-go-rounds and all kinds of shows, great whistles blowing, bells ringing, bugles, hurdy-gurdies, drums and everything else that can make a noise, and all in front of my window - across the river, it is true, but then the river is so narrow that you could almost jump across. The row begins about 10 a.m. and goes on till about midnight. The peasants have

come in from the surrounding country in thousands dressed in their quaint costumes and seem to be enjoying themselves thoroughly. It is very funny to see the little children dressed up in exactly the same way as their elders — the little girls of 5 or 6 years with long skirts (often black) and aprons, and with dainty little caps on their heads.

Bernard has been out fishing with Maurice Peterson once or twice but ^{they} got only one little brook-trout between them. They, however, got great quantities of blackberries.

There are to be horse-races here to-morrow, but we are now going to wait to see them, and will probably go on with the Petersons in the morning to a little town on the coast called Concarneau, if we find that we can get quarters there. There is only one hotel there at Concarneau and at this season it is often very full. The place is much frequented by artists and also is celebrated for its sardine-fisheries. We expect to be in Paris early next week, then to return to London and if possible to take a little run in Scotland before sailing for home on the 20th of September.

Thank you for your letters. I hope that you are having a happy time at Metis and ~~remember~~ remember that the more you do to make other people happy the happier you will be yourself. That is always true.

Your aff. Father.

Love to Mother, Mrs. Mohan and all the family including yourself.