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2/ Thank you sincerely for your reference to my grey hair. Glad you like it but it will soon be all white like my moustache. It's just an hereditary feature - from my Mother's side again whence all worthwhile qualities and characteristic in my life come. I hope I am not seeming conceited. I'm sure I try not to be and one very helpful way is to take interest in others which I try to do. Unfortunately so few are worthy; so few are warm, expectant and responsive.

One must persist in seeking, I presume, reaching out for the unattainable, that which is just beyond.

I was a bit sorry to read your remark that Carrie Yates is "smaller than formerly." I hope she is not losing

strength in her effort to keep thin. I sent her a card soon after I arrived here but have heard nothing from her in reply. Strange, too, because she usually drops me a line every summer. I shall always keep a warm place in my heart for her.

Well - enough of this rambling, erratic letter. I must not hold you longer.

May some of the gold of this glorious morning enter into and brighten your life!

Cordially yours

H. Burleigh

[n.d.]