

1 Dec'r 6th. Sunday. Heard a good sermon at the "American Church," "Except a man be born
2 again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The minister, a traveler from Cincinnati, gave us a
3 good lecture reminding us that we were the living Epistles and to walk before the people of this
4 benighted land in such manner as to let the light fall upon them. Verily, Verily! It is good to be
5 reminded of our duty and obligations occasionally. Julia so far recovered that we have
6 determined to leave for Rome to morrow.

7 Dec'r 7th. Left Florence 8:20 A.M. Arr. at Rome 7 P.M. Left heavy baggage at depot until we
8 find rooms to suit us. Stopped temporarily at Hotel Londres. Ride from Florence to Rome very
9 interesting. Passing Lake Trasimeno, we ran over the battle field where Hannibal defeated the
10 Romans under Flaminius and killed 15000 of his troops. The battle took place 217 B.C. Passed
11 the old cities of Arezzo, Cortona, Perugia, Foligno, Spoletto, Terni, and Narni. Near the last
12 named city, passed under the bridge of Augustus built 220 years B.C. One arch remains, is 64
13 feet high. Two arches have fallen. The abutment & pier remain. It is a grand old ruin.
14 Numerous old castles perched on the summits of the hills. The quaint old cities and the
15 grandeur of the scenery made this one of the delightful days of the many we have already
16 enjoyed.

17 Dec'r 8th. After breakfast, took carriage to find suitable boarding house. Visited the "Hotel du
18 Globe." Found two comfortable rooms on 3rd floor, blazing in sun light. Terms agreeable, we
19 engaged the rooms. Went to the depot and had baggage sent to our new quarters. Paid bill at
20 the Londres and moved to the "Globe." After dinner took carriage for a general survey. Drove
21 through the city to the Forum & Colosseum, then out upon the Apian-Way. Saw that we have
22 full four weeks work before us to give this most wonderful old city a thorough examination.
23 There appears to be many very fine specimens of city architecture in the new part of Old Rome
24 and hope I may learn something here that will be worth remembering.

25 Dec'r 9th. Rained this morning. Spent the time in examining map of the city, reading history,
26 and guide books as we shall save time if we are thoroughly posted in regard to localities and
27 things of interest. Afternoon took carriage for St. Peters. The grandeur of the interior far
28 surpassed any description I ever heard or read of it, simply because it is impossible to convey to
29 the mind even an approximation of its beauties of proportion or elegance of decoration. No
30 tongue or pen can illustrate the marvelous harmony and magnificence of all its parts. It must
31 be seen before one can have any proper appreciation of it. We were overwhelmed with
32 delightful admiration. All other classic churches I have yet seen are insignificant compared with
33 this. Shall visit this building several times before I part with it forever! Passed the mausoleum
34 of Adrian. Crossed the bridge of St Angelo. On the parapets of this bridge are a dozen colossal
35 statues supposed to represent angels. They are beautifully sculptured of fine white marble.
36 Next visited the Pantheon. Did not leave the carriage as we intend to make a special visit to
37 this renowned old structure. Passed on and across the Ponte Sisto and up Monte Janiculus by
38 an easy carriage road. On the summit is the Church of S Pietro in Montorio. Had a splendid
39 birds eye view of the city from this elevated point. The monastery attached to this church