

1 Sept. 30th. Girls went to picture gallery & museum.

2 Oct 1st. Visited St Peters church, built in 1024 in Romanesque style, but latterly disfigured by
3 adding a Corinthian portico. Saw Calvins chair and pulpit. There are a number of monuments
4 of no interest. Afternoon studied our Guide books for Italy.

5 October 2nd. Ladies out shopping. I strolled about the city making it a day of rest generally.

6 October 3rd. Drew £ 60 of Lombard Odier & Co. Bought John a watch and chain.

7 Oct. 4th. Sunday. Girls went to Catholic church. Wrote letter to Clara.

8 Oct. 5th. Bought small trunk to pack Doras music box in & shipped it to London. Packed up
9 ready to leave in the morning.

10 Oct. 6th. Left for Turin at 6:30 a.m. Took breakfast at Culoz. The days ride very interesting. Just
11 before entering the Mont Cumis Tunnel [?], we had a splendid view of a valley running as far as
12 we could see to the south west. The setting sun had a very pleasing effect on the landscape.
13 The tunnel some 8 or 9 miles long, rather tedious. It was too dark soon after leaving it to see
14 the country between the tunnel and Turin, which I regretted as it is said to be very grand and
15 interesting. Arrived at 9:45 very much fatigued. Found pleasant rooms at the Hotel Trombetta.

16 Oct. 7th. Employed valet de place to show us the principal places of interest in the city. Visited
17 the Madama Palace, an ancient castle (of the middle ages). The towers on the east side still
18 remain. The west front has been modernized, having a façade of marble columns and a grand
19 vestibule with marble steps & balustrades, erected in 1798, and equals any thing we have yet
20 seen, not excepting the best in Paris. The council chambers is a magnificent hall. Remains just
21 as it was left at the last sitting of the senate in 1865. Turin claims great antiquity, was
22 destroyed by Hannibal 218 B.C. From 1859 to 1865 it was the capital of Italy. The city was
23 nearly destroyed by Francis 1st in 1536 and during the siege of 1706 so that most of the
24 buildings are comparatively modern, and is a well built, first class city. We next visited the
25 Royal Palace, a not very imposing building outside, but the interior is of great extent and
26 finished on a grand scale of magnificence. The armory is a very interesting suite of rooms,
27 statues and suits of armor, every kind of old weapon, known and unknown. A cabinet contains
28 swords and other presents made to the king. Other apartments similar to other palaces already
29 visited. A private passage led us from the Royal Palace into the cathedral of "St John the
30 Baptist." We entered the chapel back of the high altar. This magnificent room covered with a
31 lofty dome, the whole interior finish of dark brown marble, gives very fine effect to the
32 numerous fine monuments and statues of white marble. This chapel is separated from the
33 body of the church by a folding glass partition which is opened on great occasions, giving a very
34 effective view of the chapel from the body of the church. By some accident they neglected to
35 open it on this occasion.