

1 Oct. 8th. Went to the museum and picture galleries. Then took an extensive ride in and about
2 the city. The buildings are intensely Italian, my favorite style of architecture, so that I am very
3 much pleased and interested in this very beautiful place.

4 Oct. 9th. Took carriage to the foot of a high hill on which is the Capuchin Monastery.
5 Discharging our carriage, we ascended the hill on foot. From the terrace in front of the church
6 had a fine view. After waiting an hour for the dense fog to clear away, which it did, had a birds
7 eye view of the city. A splendid landscape all round – the horizon on the north and west
8 bounded by the snowy peaks of the alps, Monte Rosa particularly looming up very
9 conspicuously. Descending the hill again took carriage and drove some 4 or 5 miles east where
10 we hired 4 mules and rode on them to the Superga, 2000 feet above the plain on which Turin
11 stands. Visited a very extensive Basilica built on the summit of this mountain in 1717 by Prince
12 Eugene who had vowed to the Virgin that if she would help him win a certain battle, he would
13 build a church for her. He won the battle and here is the church, a very imposing and costly
14 building. It is now used as a burial place for the Italian kings, and in the crypt are several fine
15 monuments with many very excellent pieces of sculpture. Remounting our mules, we went to
16 the foot of the hill and took an omnibus for Turin. The mules were rough trotters. We shall
17 feel the effects of their operations for several days hereafter.

18 Oct. 10th. Drew £ 20 of Vincent & Co. Mrs. Van & I made a very intensive tour on foot about
19 the city. The girls ditto by themselves.

20 Oct. 11th. Sunday. Looked into several churches. One very good painting amused me. It was a
21 representation of Christ raising the dead Lazarus. One of the figures had his hand over his nose
22 and was very expressive of a certain scent on that occasion. The Palace Carignano, a very large
23 building fronting on four streets, curiously ornamented with brickwork on three fronts, the
24 fourth which is new, is of marble and will compare favorably with the best front in Paris (see
25 photograph). There are many fine monuments, one an obelisk of granite 75 feet high erected
26 to commemorate the abolition of Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. The occasion pleased me more
27 than the monument.

28 Oct. 12th. Left Turin at 1 ½ p.m. and arrived at Milan at 8 o'clock. Found very good quarters at
29 "Hotel Cavour," intending to do the Italian Lakes and return to this place.

30 Oct. 13th. Arranged to leave our heavy baggage and left for Como at 9 a.m. Arrived at Como
31 station at 1 p.m. Rode in omnibus 2 miles to City of Como. Good rooms at Hotel "Volta,"
32 named after an old native who invented the "Voltaire Battery." After dinner visited the
33 cathedral, a grand structure built in 1396, entirely of fine white marble, stained and rusted by
34 old father time until the white spots are in a very small minority. The Gothic style prevails over
35 a portion of the building, but the transepts and choir are mixed with the Renaissance. The
36 exterior is adorned with statues & sculpture in great profusion. The interior is gaily gilt and
37 frescoed in such brilliant colours as to spoil it in my estimation. There are many fine paintings
38 and other works of art well worth seeing. The old town hall, a quaint old piece of antiquity,