

1 sharp to the touch as the burrs used for mill stones, and somewhat resembles them. At 2 ½ o'clock we
2 resumed our carriage, drove back to the rail way station, took the train at half past five, and after a
3 tedious ride of 4 hours arrive safely home. Found a good meal prepared for us which we disposed of,
4 and not long after were oblivious in the arms of Morpheus.

5 Jany. 22nd. We are a lucky party. We had two beautiful days for our excursion yesterday and the day
6 before, and now, as we proposed to rest to day, it rains and blows like fury, and the bay is badly tumbled
7 up. The huge waves lash the quay in front of our windows sending the spray 40 feet high, making a first
8 class salt water shower bath for any one bold enough to try the outer side walk of the street. I omitted
9 to mention that our guide opened our car door at Salerno last evening and very politely handed me my
10 field glass which completed the pleasure of our trip.

11 Jany. 23rd. Went to inquire about steamboats for Marseilles. Find they leave this place every Saturday.
12 Made up our mind to leave on this line next Saturday the 30th instant. Rested balance of this day. Wrote
13 letter to Brother Sam'l Hoand [Hoard?].

14 Jany. 24th. Sunday. Went to the Scotch Presbyterian Church. Heard a good sermon from a Philadelphia
15 minister. The resident minister after the sermon made a statement of what they were doing here. It
16 appears that they have a day school of some 300 children. 80 percent of them have Catholic parents.
17 The cost to run the institution is 3750 dollars per annum. This may be all right if the people who send
18 their money here to educate these children have taken care to provide for the children at home. My
19 opinion is that for Americans to send money to Italy to prevent the spread of Romanism is simply stupid.
20 The hope of the Catholics is in America, it were better to school the Catholic children there. The head of
21 the serpent is in America and the tail only here. Attack the head and let the tail wiggle.

22 Jany. 25th. Cloudy day with strong wind from the west. Mr. Van Wyck lent us half a dozen late Chicago
23 papers. Came very near making us all home-sick. Visited the royal palace. The building covers a large
24 area, is three stories high, the first Doric, second Ionic, third Corinthian. There is nothing very
25 remarkable about the architecture. The grand vestibule and stairs is very spacious and elegant, the walls
26 lined with colored marbles; stairs, balustrades, and newels of white Carrara of exquisite workmanship.
27 The terraced garden, 600 feet long and 70 feet wide, elevated 70 feet above the arsenal yard below.
28 From this terrace a fine view is had of the harbor, bay, and its surroundings. We were escorted through
29 numerous apartments, richly furnished & decorated. Some good paintings and tapestries. The private
30 theatre, a very common affair compared with those in the palaces of France. We were shown an
31 extravagant cradle inlaid with pearls and tortoise shell presented by the city of Naples to the princess or
32 Piedmonte for the use of the grand-baby of Victor Emanuele. Next visited the church of St Francisco
33 situated on a spacious piazza opposite the royal palace. Its form resembles the Pantheon. The interior is
34 circular, nearly 100 feet in diameter. The dome, 175 feet high, is supported by 32 marble Corinthian
35 columns. The several chapels are formed back of these columns. The spaces between the columns form
36 the entrances to the chapels. The high altar is not very effective so far as the design in concerned, but it
37 is finished with very rare & costly marbles of jasper and lapis-lazuli. The ceiling of the dome is paneled
38 and ornamented with rosettes. There are several statues of popes & saints and some fine pictures in the
39 chapels. The exterior front has an Ionic portico of 6 noble Carrara marble columns. The front is flanked
40 by two extensive circular colonnades similar to the front of St. Peters at Rome. The church was built by
41 Ferdinand 1st as a thanksgiving offering on his recovery from illness in 1816. The afternoon being
42 stormy, did not go out. Drew £ 50 from W.I. Turner & Co.