

approaching the Equator and crossing it, the weather was cooler than any we had experienced. Tonight we shall sleep as well as we have any other night we expect.

This trip has been much more enjoyable than the one we made a little more than a year ago from New York. The children have been easier to take care of. The diet has been more readily digestible by all hands. I have spent less time in bed. Probably we have been helped by frequent stops. Tomorrow we shall have been ten days on the water, but in this time we have stopped at two different islands and seen land every day but three. We stopped at the island of Madeira, where we made some purchases. We trust that the mails will safely carry a blouse to Olive, and some other things. I've forgotten exactly what Betty bought, but we'll send a list. We also got some chairs to use in Africa. The stop at Madeira was made on Tuesday. On Wednesday we saw the Canary Islands. On Thursday we saw only water, but were fairly close to land all day. On Friday we saw Cape Verde and Dakar. On Saturday we saw nothing, but on Sunday Cape Palm, Liberia. Monday we saw nothing, but yesterday stopped at St. Thomas island. Today no land sighted, but tomorrow Luanda, and Friday Lobito. Some different than ten days without anything but water and sky. What our ancestors must have thought on their voyages of months time.

Well, this will suffice for now. I don't know when we'll see some of our mail from home, but about two weeks from now probably. We'll send you word from Lobito anyhow.

Our love and our prayers to all,

Mackie
Betty