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Brindisi
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My dear Pippa

Here I am on
the wretched old 'Sutlej'.
I've just got time to
scribble off a few lines
before we start. We got
across the channel much
better than we expected, as
there was only what one
of the porters at Dover

called a 'French nor-easter'
blowing so I got over with
out anything worse than feel-
ing rather uncomfortable. I
was rather lucky in the train
of luxury as I had a four
berth cabin with only one
other person in it. The ship
is crowded with passengers;
I have discovered two or
three acquaintances - Dring
E. I. R., Bell, who was at
Coopers Hill with me, and

Moreland C.S. whom I knew
at Allahabad - He is the critter
I met in the Strand and passed
by on the other side. Major
Kuper was in the train of
luxury but I have not yet
accorted him - I found
a letter from Aggie awaiting
me - She seems to have had
a pretty good passage - the
chief drawback was her cabin
companion, whose only luggage
was a very dirty brush & comb

and a waterproof! She has bequeathed some people called Watson to me, I hope they will be decent.

I hope your dance at the Chamberlains turned out better than you expected - Give my love to Fanny & Mimi -

I think I must stop now my love, I will write from Suez or Aden.

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Goodbye
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Yr loving brother
Ralph
Love to the family