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Dearest Pippa

is rather exhausting to sweep along in the
train of Duchess, but it has its compensations.
We've really been having a delightful time (such food,
such comfortable living with motor road) & the strain
of being polite, & all that, has been greatly eased by
Mrs Furse & Miss Crowdy, who have joined us in an
anti-Duchess league. They have their own drawbacks,
as you know - & also their attractions. I think Miss

Crowdy is really very sensible, & also nice.

To my joy Mrs Furse, who is going on from here
to do a tour of WAAC VAD camps (in a car) has
asked me to go too. She's got a military permit for
me from Lord Derby, & so I am going off in
glory to Abbeville & Cambrai & all round - until
Thursday next, I think. Tomorrow I go to

Reims (unfortunately with the Duchess) & then back
off into space. If there is any reason why I sh^d
come back sooner the only way to reach me is by
telegram c/o Miss Crowdy VAD Headquarters Boulogne.

So far I haven't spent a penny - & the comfort has
been beyond words! As for the congress itself, it was

With you first Mrs Felton money if she needs it.

outwardly very successful, but remarkably hollow within.
The Duchess. Mrs Furse made speeches that made me
wince rather - so I pined it on thick. & was a great
success. Mrs Lytton is really a great charmer, but
so muddled that words can't describe it. She made
a fearful good speech at the mass meeting however
(after putting her foot in it the first time). The mass
meeting was very swaggy, L^d Derby in the chair
Mr. Pichon speaking (L.G. & Clarendon both kept
away) & took in the box next to ours. But I
do hate Americans worse than the devil.

We've been taken to see a lot of things, one or two
really interesting. And on the way up from Boulogne on
train was devoted, our spent a day, wandering about
having most agreeable adventures. And the tour of
inspection will really be thoroughly interesting.

I think I'm in luck - feel much as if I'd had a
long & refreshing holiday already.

I wish you'd been in this party - there has been so much
that is purely ridiculous, & the things I think are sadly
frivolous. Mrs Furse piles on the official correctness till I
feel inclined to explode, the Duchess piles on her coronet &
Mrs Lytton flutters off into psychic regions at a touch.
And over it all the American way "So pleased to
make your acquaintance Mrs Stacey!"

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Yours

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I'll be ready to go to Brighton on Friday or Saturday ^{Ray} to combine it with seeing house
in L. The Hampton. Please arrange to write with me.