

[Baldwin G.]

Chicago, Illinois,

December 30th., 1905.

Mayor Harry Lane,
Portland,
Oregon.,

Dear Sir:---

Knowing your intense interest in the Travelers' Aid work during the Exposition, I thought you would like to hear from me about my journey.

I have found your letter of introduction of great value to me on several occasions and wish to thank you for granting it.

I have visited the principle cities from Washington, D.C. to the Canadian line and from the Atlantic to the Pacific and shall have traveled 13000 miles and more before my return. In every place I have made the girl question a careful study and believe that I have gained much valuable information thereby. I have visited the Boston Docks where immigrant ships arrive, with Miss Blodgett, who has been there on duty for the past eighteen years. Nearly 3000 girls passed through her hands during the twelve months and I feel that upon my return to Portland must do something for the ships entering our harbors. Possibly our greatest work for girls would be upon the outgoing rather than the incoming vessels.

In all my travel I have not found any city which I prefer to Portland., and if you could hear me answer questions and boom the ~~cities~~ ^{Portland} you would think that I was a native webfoot.

I hope that you have all departed yourselves well during my absence and that I shall find you in mood for taking up all my new schemes for the betterment of girlhood in our beloved city.

Hoping that you have had a pleasant Holiday season, I
remain

Very respectfully yours,

Lola G. Baldwin
Supr. Trav. Aid