

a Wisconsin winter." It was refreshing to be where "roses bloomed in the open air with little interruption, and there was hardly a day when we could not have gathered wild flowers in the fields." I cannot give a better view of his delightful experiences in this sojourn abroad, than by quoting from his own words in correspondence with his friends.

"I can hardly tell you," he says, in a letter to his brother, "in a few words, how we have spent our time; but it has run away very fast; and notwithstanding the intense desire that comes over us to see our own land, we look with a sort of dismay upon the rapid approach of the time when, if our original plan is adhered to, we must bid a final good-bye to Athens and to Greece. I can hardly define to you, or hardly express without seeming extravagance, the charm and fascination which Attica has had for me. The historical associations, the ruins, the hills about the Acropolis carved for the foundations of little Athenian houses so many ages ago, in the very infancy of that civilization and culture to which we owe so large a part of our own, especially the ever-beautiful Acropolis with its remains of Parthenon, Erechtheium, and Propylæa, have no doubt, a great deal to do with it. But apart from this, there is something in the little and comparatively barren country itself, in its mountains, islands and plains, in its air and sky and sea, that seems to my fancy to differentiate it from all the rest of the world that I have seen, and to invest it with a magical attraction, in spite of many drawbacks in the character and condition of its present population.

"I did not come here to work, but to rest. Still, we have spent a part of almost every day in dabbling a little in modern Greek (and I also in the ancient tongue), and a part in reading up on the antiquities. I have gained very slight use of the language yet for colloquial purposes, though I read books and the newspapers with reasonable facility."

He enjoyed keenly his visits to the Acropolis and other famous or interesting places, and his occasional rambles outside the city. Some delightful acquaintances were formed here, including Dr. and Mrs. Schliemann, "and their