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May 24<sup>th</sup> 44.

Dear Professor + Madam Roerich.

Simla seems far too distant for me to wait to write you, and thank you both for your great kindness to me in Naggar. It has been the "high spot" of our trek for me and I will always remember lovely Naggar and the happy days we spend with you.

I do hope Madam has fully recovered; we were so sorry to have had so little of her charming company. Since we left Naggar we have been up the "Parbetti" Valley, which was very beautiful and now we are on our homeward trek to Simla which we hope to reach on June 1<sup>st</sup> - I would like to write you from my home town but these few lines are to express our great appreciation for your many kindnesses.

From yours very sincerely  
Ebenezer Pollan—

Cecil Hotel.

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Simla.

June 10<sup>th</sup> 44.

Dear Madam. Boerich.

You will see by the above address I am safely back in my own Town. The party kept to schedule, and we reached Simla on June 1. We found our homeward journey rather hot with many flies, and the country so dry and dusty, - it had been so lovely and fresh three to four weeks previous, and rather a pity we had to return over the same road. Would you kindly tell your son, the Junior at Kulu had no skins to show us. We spent a few days wandering up the Parbetti Valley, which was very lovely, and had the unique experience of enjoying a hot sulphur bath at Manikhan. At Shajo we halted for two days to enjoy the cooler air, and beautiful surroundings but found the sand flies very disturbing. Young Anthony developed a cold and wasn't well enough to ride from itai so we had a stretcher fixed up, and he was carried by coolies down to the "Lauri" and then up to Markunda the next day, as we were anxious to get him home, and it was very hot at the lower altitudes, he is now quite well again. We found Markunda cool, as we had just missed a heavy thunder storm, so had experienced many changes of temperature.

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We had a motor car from Markunda to Simla so arrived back in great luxury. I am feeling so well and hope some day to visit the Kulu Valley with my husband.

I do hope you have long recovered from your nasty cough. We were all disappointed that we had so little of your company.

I will always remember the glorious view we had of Naggar from the Temple on the hill.

My husband has sent you the Australian Handbook which I hope will arrive safely and that may be of interest to you.

Kindly remember me to the Professor and your sons and a gain thanking you all for the lovely time you gave us in Naggar.

Sincerely yours  
Muriel Gollan.

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