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My dear Mr. Bennett -

I hope your outing

has done you good and that you have
come back prepared for the strenuous finish.
I had a few hours with the Committee two
weeks ago today. They had got from Mr.

Bonnely rough proofs which they corrected,
typographically and in all other ways. Their
work was quite impartial. They found
fault with a quotation from Mr. W. D. How-
ells, who is regarded as the master writer
in America today, just as they fell on Mr.
Burnham and me. The Drainage Canal
was a stench in their nostrils and they
would have none of it in the report.
Some of their suggestions were excellent

We had some arguments about the desirability of treating everything from a commercial standpoint; and when it was suggested that if they proposed to eliminate altogether the idea of beauty, they should destroy the better portion of the pictures they saw the point.

At the suggestion or request of Mr. Norton I got the Century to take an article for the June number. The editor suggests Mr. Hamlin Garland as the writer. I don't know how that will strike the Committee, for I believe that he is a prophet without honor at home.

Now to report progress: I have sent back all the proofs of the chapters one to five inclusive, except Transportation, which is in the hands of the Committee for revision. Also I have sent proofs of

the first half of Chapter VI - "Streets within the City."

I have sent copy for everything except the last chapter, and the final summing up of Chapter VII - "The Heart of Chicago."

Now where is Mr. Burnham? When will he reach Chicago?

The proofs should have your very careful revision so far as streets etc go as well as for everything else; and any suggestions you may make looking to a closer tying the text to the illustrations will make for harmony and effectiveness. Of course Mr Burnham will wish to go over the whole matter before it goes to press finally. I am much at sea about many things especially in the Heart of Chicago Chapter. That will need very careful revision to make it express clearly Mr Burnham's and your views.

With very best wishes, sincerely yours,
Charles Morse