

with a further note or two on the country and environs of my new home. I hope I am not duplicating anything I might of said in the last letter.

many unfavorable reports concerning the apparent desolation of the country that 'God forgot' have been put on record (am wondering how my impression compared with Dr Beck's), but am wondering if they have been rightly justified in making such statements and, again, if possibly they are confusing the natural environs with some other unrelated Berkeley feeling. I find that there is a traditional but false feeling concerning the vigors of the country and climate and am wondering if possibly they have colored their descriptions in harmony with it. In reality the country has an indescribable charm and a profound appeal with a climate both invigorating and moderate. The golden sun rays seem to pierce the atmosphere without resistance and produces a dry warmth which is conducive to a greater bodily activity and a general sense of well being. If one chooses to remain in the shade of a tree or building, away from the direct sun he finds the atmosphere and temperature very pleasant with a cooling effect like you might experience in a cellar. The nights and early morning are always refreshing periods of the day. Some few individuals evade the sun but as for me, I think that an amplitude of solar radiation is one of nature's greatest gifts. Even with my limiting heliophobia can now qualify with the great Paul Robsen, not, of course