

St. Cloud State University

The Repository at St. Cloud State

Claude Lewis Family Papers

Sinclair Lewis Letters

12-18-1923

Letter, Sinclair Lewis to Claude Lewis [December 18, 1923]

Sinclair Lewis

Follow this and additional works at: <https://repository.stcloudstate.edu/clewis-letters>

Recommended Citation

Lewis, Sinclair, "Letter, Sinclair Lewis to Claude Lewis [December 18, 1923]" (1923). *Claude Lewis Family Papers*. 2.

<https://repository.stcloudstate.edu/clewis-letters/2>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Sinclair Lewis Letters at The Repository at St. Cloud State. It has been accepted for inclusion in Claude Lewis Family Papers by an authorized administrator of The Repository at St. Cloud State. For more information, please contact tdsteman@stcloudstate.edu.

KENSINGTON 7024

889

58, ELM PARK GARDENS,

CHELSEA, S.W.10.

London, Eng.

December 18.

1923

Dear Claude:

Our warmest Xmas greetings to Mary and you and all the kids. Dad sent me the copy of the St. Cloud Tech with Freeman's picture, and I was glad to hear of his election to the ~~maximalisim~~ presidency of the -- what is it? -- M.H.S.P.S.? I hope to see him next year and have a good talk with him about his writing. He must learn not to imitate the style of the ordinary newspapers and magazines he sees. They are usually written by exceedingly incompetent and untalented people who use over and over the same ~~hackneyed~~ hackneyed phrases. He must write of things as he himself really sees and hears them.

Do you remember speaking to me, a year and a half ago, about some expedition which goes all through Northern Canada every summer, getting entirely away from civilization, and taking two or three months to make the trip? What is it? Does it occur every year? Would there be any way in which I could go with them -- they might be glad to be "written up," and of course I'd stand my share of the expenses. I live far too sedentary a life, and I'd like to do something of that kind. Can you tell me with whom to get in touch about it? And would there be any possibility of your coming along? Such a long and husky rest would be fine for you.

We've taken the house whose address is above for the winter, while I finish up the

novel I started a year ago. I still have four or five months work, but I hope to be back in America next April or May, and very shortly after landing I'll come out to Minnesota and see you.

You've owed me a letter, I ~~think~~ think, for months now, so let me have a good one.

Merry Christmas -- Happy New Year,

Ever,