

Bolton, Monday night

My dearest Lulie,

Mr. [Pically?] is going down to New York tomorrow & has offered to take a letter so I drop you a line, [two lines missing or faded] earlier than it would by mail. I was so glad to get your letter of Friday yesterday – quick time -- & to learn that things were going on pretty altho [sic] I fear you are not getting your strength quite as fast as we hoped. I feel quite well again & am beginning to exercise & enjoy the sailing a great deal. I am still a little troubled by an external pile, but I think it will not be long before it is quite well. I dined today [words faded] with [words faded] a pretty place & had a [words faded]. He & the Thierots here & have been at dagger points for a number of years & each 7 ½ lines missing or faded] & a sermon from the Caldwell rector. We sadly miss the eloquence of Bishop & now the late news is that he will not come.

I have at last been forced to the conclusion that we will not be able to get in here in August & Mr. Brown admits that it is hopeless. It will not do to go to Locust Cottage as poor Mrs. Wilson I am sure has not the means to make us comfortable and besides she is so upset [line faded] state that she that she is in [words faded] to do well by any [word faded]. I am very sorry for her. The Bolton house has been taken [words faded] and there have been some unpleasant scenes there – [four lines missing or faded] he is a great literary man and he is today [?] every body [sic] in a most plausible way too to subscribe to a paper for which he writes. I do not see that there is anything for us to do but to engage the rooms at the Lake House or at Pearl House (next to the 100 mile house in the narrows or I feel we will loose [sic] both. Tell me when you answer this that 1<sup>st</sup> if you think there is any doubt about your ability or desire to come to Lake George first August. (2) which of the two places you would prefer. The house at Pearl Point [words faded] quite lovely [words faded] looking on the lake and beautifully furnished [words faded] same as Lake House – good for the children to play & finer scenery – on the other hand is on the wrong side of the lake & I don't know who will be the other guests. It is believed that the table will be good [four lines missing or faded] I don't know which to advise – the rooms are not very good

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and & the house is old & Caldwell is not much for scenery. If you are pretty sure you are coming – no difficulty about nurse or your being well enough I should secure one or the other without delay or I may not get them. Talk it over with your father and aunt & write me your conclusion. I miss you & the dear children every ever so much. Mrs. [Stevens?] is quite an invalid & is mostly in her room. There are a good many young men & on the whole very pleasant houseful of people here but there will be changes about 1<sup>st</sup> August when the engaged rooms have to be given up. The season & scenery is [sic] lively – the result of [word missing] & cool weather [words faded] explain, altho' we have a great deal of boating. I am sorry that we will have to leave Bolton for any other part of the lake. This house is not half large enough for the business. It is all kept altho' the rooms are miserable & [words faded]'

Give my regards to [word missing] & tell him I wish he could [?] awhile. Is there any church news.[sic]

I am very curious to hear when [?] has been ordered & if to the [Medviles?] it would be a grand piece of good luck for him to skim the cream from naval life so soon.

Give my best to love to all. Send Jamies [sic] picture as soon as you can & send me & send one of Will please too as I have none with me. I hope poor Rob is getting a little fatter & growing. I suppose [words faded] reaches you, you will have decided [words faded] perhaps gotten here. I [word faded] at the child [words faded] just the place to get a good healthy one.

As I write, they are singing hymns & it sounds very sweetly in the still night air on the lake and [words faded] so peacefully at our doors & the mountains looming up [words faded]. missing, or unreadable] darling – I send you a kiss.

Your husband,

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