

Hopatcong Mo. 3. 1869

Dear Anna

I recd thy letter yesterday & as we have no mail in then but that I thought that if it got to Phila on 5th day, they would get it no earlier than if it was written today. Alf has one from John today but it gives no news. It was pleasant to hear from you & as Drews you have more to tell us than we have to tell you. We took a walk yesterday morning which was very pleasant but we saw nothing very remarkable. The snow on some points of the road were fine. other wise it was like most mountain walks, only we did not have the excitement of being lost. This morning we rowed about 3 miles across the lake & then walked intending to go to Bear Lake & the Devils Staircase. After walking two or three

times as far as we were told are
and here I being on the point of
giving up the search we came sudden-
ly on the motor which was certainly
very pretty. We walked along the
shore a little while then we saw in
sight of some houses at a distance
& by the aid of an opera glass discovered
one to be our own hotel. We had in
fact come upon our own Lake again
as we had given up the search for Bears
Lake till another time. It is very
hard to get any reliable directions
about how to get to points of interest
& in this instance I suppose we had
landed at the wrong spot.

The children are getting along pretty
well. Max is better. Mary I suppose be-
called well - at all events has stopped
taking his Maxham. Alf. has taken a
little cold but I guess it won't amount
to much. While we went to swim the
afternoon he staid at home & took a

map & seems better now. I suppose
he needed rest as we keep going
pretty constantly & the boys don't like
to go to bed before their usual hour
while we breakfast at 7. We take
~~the same~~ the same almost
afternoon & enjoy it much. The
water is warm & perfectly clear & the
bottom for the most part stone &
gravel so that we get out with
clear feet which I think is quite
a consideration.

I would write more if I had any
thing to say, but it is hardly worth
while to strain my back with writing
& my eyes with reading what after
all is of no consequence.

Love to Lily, Anna & Larry - Please
send word what Tom's plans about
going to the sea shore are so that we
may regulate our plans accordingly.
I believe we all enjoy ourselves, but
not so extravagantly but that we

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would be willing to leave at short
notice if it seemed best. Lizzy Caroline
will leave I believe on 7th day & Carrie
& Hettie perhaps at the same time or on
2nd day & I don't believe either Chely or
the boys will be much about staying
longer. My loving husband

Francis R. Cope

5th day morning. Rainy. indoor amuse-
ments. such as tracing a handkerchief
proposed - all about as well as usual
except all what a little come through
but no fever & feels better now. My
back decidedly better.

Please look in my wallet in the bureau
drawer & get from it my passes on the South
River, Lehigh Valley & Lehigh & Susquehanna R.R.s
send them to me. My secretary & I send
them every time I pay my fare here when I
night have gone free & I did like to save
the expense on my return.