

Linnaea ville

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I received father's letter last night.

Dear Keith,

Have gone all at 2.75. After a lovely day yesterday, we just had time for an excursion to the woods & picking a few flowers, when it began to rain, & now passes steadily with no idea of cessation. I send you of the pretty yellow flowers we could call "Dutchman's brachies", they are I believe a dicentra. They do grow on our mountain, at the back of R.C. cemetery in retired parts, & used to be plentiful where the snow shoe track now is. We also got two stems of the pink scented kind "squirrel corn" on little yellow root in the box, & the leaves are darker than of the other variety. This also grows on the mountain, & the Coles know where. I do wish you would find it. The children ought to pick it, they must plant the roots in their garden & see if it will grow.

This morning a pleasant-faced girl came to see to our room, & mother asked for another pillow to this she gladly consented, & then kindly inquired, "Did the bed lay well?" to which G.M. deliciously replied yes. Then she moved gracefully continued, "If you want anything just holler on Amanda, that's my name." G.M. made no audible reply to this. But I was not surprised that she at once found the suitable answer - but when I found G.M. thought she had said something about "having her commands", I went into fits of laughter. It shows how one hears according to ones knowledge, & education & "Yacurish" vernacular was apparently not in G.M.'s line.

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I hope the success goes on well also the drawing  
It will be interesting to see how you do in this, as  
you have only been a partial, but to tell the truth  
I sh<sup>d</sup> not think the critics were at all infallible  
especially as few of those sent abroad by them have  
found success, & one wd infer that either the people  
or the work had not been judged with insight.

This weather is not very favourable for us, but  
excelling for the country.

Boys pervade this place, with white felt  
hats decorated with names & designs, they seem to  
come to the village at will, & loamy about the shops  
doors & corners - also I don't know when I have  
seen so many just-looking, green up, little girls  
whose short frocks & hair down, alone suggest that  
they are not entirely green up. If this is the effect  
of the boys school, I am sorry for the boys, & for the  
little girls also.

You will soon be free of all best music?  
you will have to make a study of the mountain  
& its paths have you no friend who across a few  
days & then you cd go whither you want?

G. W. looks better I think, Don't forget to  
remind Kate that she is to come to us next week -  
very likely it wont be till the week after, but remind  
her, all the same.

Also if Mrs Wilson cd give me Monday & Tuesday next  
week I wd be glad - Please might telephone to day morning  
& ask them to tell her, as she is there every night.

With love to all - especially dear little Dottie who  
I hope is remembering to put away his ties lovingly Mother