

Woods near Devil's Lake

Abt. 10 miles from Banff

Aug 5th 1888

Dearest Anna,

As there may be a chance of sending this out to Banff to-day I am going to write a few lines to let you know what I am about. We did not get away from Banff until Friday morning. The weather was cold and cloudy and in the afternoon very heavy rain came on obliging us to camp. Everything was wet and we had a pretty bad night and felt very stiff in the morning; but riding & stamping all day yesterday effectively cured the rheumatism. The country is so covered here with drift and so heavily wooded that we can do little in the way of finding coal and I purpose remaining for only a

day or two longer and
then going to another region
about 30 miles south of this.
We had a wonderful ride
yesterday and anyone who
had never been in the Rockies
would laugh at the idea
of ~~one being able to~~ being able
to get through such place
as we went through on horseback.
The life here is rough but
would be very enjoyable if
the country were fit to do any
satisfactory work; but I fear
that I am not going to accom-
plish much. Hoping to hear
from you again before long
Yours fondly B.