

Pen-y-Bryn, June 25th.

My dear Alida,

It is very likely Harriet may have written to you, but in case she has not, I enclose her letter which gives so pleasant an account of her trip to Niagara, though as she does not mention Elisha I am afraid he was not of the party. What a blessed rain which has refreshed every thing, cooled the air & laid the dust, Mary & myself are going to take advantage of it by paying some visits, for before the rain the dust was so great, little pleasure in riding and the wind to day will make it soon dusty again. This afternoon Helen Robins & family come to Robert's for a visit before going to the Sea shore. Helen & Anne Hobbs leave for their Aunt Mrs. Harrison's, they have been with Maria making themselves very useful for the last ten days. Yesterday &

to day Maria is better, at least not in so much pain, for a few days previous she was a great sufferer & very ill, poor dear how sad it is, for nothing can be done but to try & alleviate, all are devoted, many kind friends & every wish gratified.

We paid our visits, Mary taking me to see several old friends, then called at Robert's where we found Helen & her family, company cheers Maria, when not in too much pain. I wish there was something of interest. Did you hear of Elisha's school report. He took a first prize & was specially mentioned for a high grade of scholarship in all his classes. He gained 1st. prize for Latin & left school head of his class, this says well for our boy who never went to a school before only home instruction.

Yours sincerely Ann G. Thomas.



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Dear Aunt Ann,

I came home
all safe on Friday from
Niagara with Aunt
Helen and all her
chicks, after parting from
Uncle George at Erie
the night before.

I enjoyed
myself more than I
ever did in my life
before in so short a
time.

I left here on
Monday afternoon with
Grandfather and Pop,
and reached Erie at
eight o'clock that evening.

and after spending the night there we left next day at half past ten and reached Niagara at four o'clock.

We went at once to the Cataract House where we found that Uncle George, Aunt Helen and Aunt Harry, who came the day before had just finished dinner, and were going out to ~~dinner~~^{drive} so they said that as soon as we finished dinner, they would come for us, and take us to see the falls, for as yet we had seen nothing as our rooms looked into a garden.

After a very

delightful dinner we drove in two carriages to see the Falls crossing the new bridge which is close to the American Falls, and driving on the English side as far as the end of the Rapids and back. by which time it was eight o'clock.

Next ^{day} we went to the Whirlpool and the Outlet in the morning and in the afternoon to Goat Island, the Three Sisters, and the Cave of the Winds.

Next morning Aunt Harry, Grandfather and Pop went home in the seven o'clock train, and we left

in the eleven oclock
train for Erie, after
spending what I shall
never cease to think,
were two of the most
pleasant ^{days} of my life

Father went
away on business
yesterday.

Aunt Helen
is very much better
for her trip and all
the children look bett^{er}

Martha has
moved up to the Barn
and the garden looks
very well though it
wants rain.

I am dear Aunt
your loving

Harry to Kane



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