



are necessarily shut out in such a place as this I remember there till the middle  
of May there returns to Hal to make the necessary preparations for my journey  
I was there four weeks Aunt Caroline and Uncle F. and Fanny were absent  
having taken a trip to P. Q. Boston and Cambridge they spent several days here  
Aunt C's health which has been very poor all winter improved very rapidly all  
the while she was gone and she returned in fine spirits and health but had  
been home hardly a week when she was taken sick again. She was much  
better however when I left Hal. And here as well as anywhere else I can  
rely on you for courage she sent her love and and wishes me to tell  
you that the reason she has not written to you before has not been forgotten  
here but ill health she has indeed been sick a great deal and even with  
fatigue no better than Mother can. Aunt Gertrude was well while I was  
here Uncle Wm you know has been engaged in a flour mill at Galveston  
he lost a considerable the past winter it had been a very bad season for  
mills generally he is now out of business but the Trustees of the  
Institute are very anxious to have him accept an agency for that School  
to go abroad and collect funds they are building a new church this  
summer their Chapel was burned in the winter so they have now  
no large room in which to hold public meetings. I do not know  
yet whether he will go there or not they offer him \$600 a year  
He thinks of selling his place whether he goes there or not It seems  
a pity for him to do it for there is a more lonely situation in  
Hal - I was going to say but do not know as that would be correct  
but his garden with fruit trees are in their glory, they have a great deal  
of fruit. But I must not dwell long on Halamasos all when you  
know are well I believe Mrs Loubinam is getting better daily

Mr Gray has ceased to be the pastor of the Presbyterian Church  
and either has or is soon going to leave Hal - his family will  
remain for a time at least - I think he is going to take an agency  
William thinks I remember and being like former with the District

for some society east. You would find Galametes greatly changed  
were you to return there now so many have been the change that  
hardly know & who to mention The week before I left - that William  
and I went to Holland to visit Henry and Anna we spent a week with  
them and a very delightfully spent week it was that even came to that  
accompanying us there the boat is perfectly horrible most of the way but  
when we reached Holland I was charmed even with Deventer.

Henry's house stands back a little way from the lake just far enough  
to make it pleasant so there is a cool water breeze coming up all the  
while making it very comfortable even in hot weather We sailed several  
times on the lake in Hays little sail boat and one day sailed down  
to the mouth and out into Lake Michigan a little way Robert Deane  
was there he had been spending the winter in Wisconsin and Minn-  
sota on his return he stopped at that two weeks and went from there  
to Holland where he had been so long the same quiet bushful  
followed he always and much of a father though I had some fun  
with Ann and Anna would make him sociable & the thing was possible  
she is very sweet and a very lovely person she wishes me to give her  
Henry wrote to you We visited while there at Mr Van Waal's you have  
heard of him of course they have a very lovely place and are very fine  
people Mr Van Waal is a continual host he is truly the most interesting  
man I ever saw Anna has no society except the Dutch and his little  
well able to make the family to large ones of course do many entertainments  
children Henry is very kind which makes her still more lovely but  
she seems quite cheerful and happy and understands some things  
you remember of course she has been to Grand Haven to practice and by  
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From "Lucy"

And now I will return from Holland to Kalamazoo and thank you  
 for your kind letter of the 11th inst. I was very glad to hear of  
 your success in your journey. I was with us we went to that landing set out  
 Monday evening at two o'clock for Cadillac. We were a very pleasant group  
 of persons - Mrs. Williams and myself. We reached Detroit Monday at ten o'clock  
 and went down the Lake on the May Steamship. It is a very handsome and comfortable  
 vessel and we had a delightful time. The Lake was very smooth the  
 weather fine & never enjoyed anything so much as to make it - this  
 pleasure we felt in with an acquaintance by Day's boat his wife with  
 his wife were going to Mack. We reached Buffalo Tuesday evening at five  
 o'clock. Spent three hours there and went out to Niagara and remained till  
 the next morning at ten. I wish I could tell you what a pleasant  
 time we had there. We walked immediately to the falls & felt considerably  
 disappointed at first - they were not as grand as we had expected but after  
 viewing them longer and coming nearer to them they fully met my  
 expectations. We crossed the suspension bridge that spans the falls & took  
 a walk up under the Falls on the Main of the Boat a little Steamboat  
 which carries persons almost under the falls. Went all over boat  
 and a great many other very interesting points which  
 I have not time to write about. We went from there to Genesee both  
 a boat to Genesee and went on our way feeling well paid for  
 having spent a few days at Niagara. And again we were highly  
 favored on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence had a very pleasant  
 ride. The scenery is very beautiful along the river and I enjoyed  
 all these things much more for having had along the way such  
 excellent company. We took the carriage by Genesee and for Genesee  
 where I have a few friends. I am sure you will find it a very  
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