



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013

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Do you think me
 perfectly so? Are you wondering
 what has become
 of me? I have passed you by without
 giving you a glimpse of myself or
 of my life. I have not, at least,
 thanked you for your invitation
 and told you if I could not accept
 it. Oh, after all, do you not think
 much about Missie Evert's marriage?
 It is even so. I cannot ponder it!
 Do you need any assurance
 darling Emma, that you are near?
 I am always near you.

Monday, N. 20

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heart as ever, and almost continued
to be in one straight line. I wanted to tell
you at once, how agreeable to my own
wishes, was our ^{former} plan to visit with
you in Antitabula; but being wholly
uncertain as to the directions in which
I was to turn, until about ten days
ago, I waited until that time to
know what to write you; and since
that time have been obliged to give
my friends in Watfield some at-
tention answering in a measure to
their demands, but most days
have confined myself, as near
as I could get, to
some speculating, in order to accom-
plish as much as possible before
leaving there. that I might be able
to touch it. Now I am settled for
fourteen weeks to come, I trust, in
one of the most beautiful little hills,
as to natural surroundings, that I
have ever seen. It is right at the head of

Chataugue Lake, the main street al-
most the only one - runs from the
top of the hill quite to the Lake. All
the village is built up and down
hill. There is the temple. Quite a descent,
from launching out into a rhapsody upon
the charms of Nature, to the very com-
monplace and most uninteresting
of part of our daily routine, that of sup-
plying the cravings of our stomachs.
Well! this demand has been fully
met, and I'll indulge again the fancy
that I am by your side. Do you ask
me what brought me here? You see the
inspiration that was coming upon me
is all but now, and some future letter
must be before your mental vision the
picture of ~~that~~ quiet - except in Court
week - county seat of old Chataugue.
Three weeks vacation I have enjoyed
to the full, and today have again com-
menced school on a new ~~plan~~ ^{plan} some-
what. I have a select school for young

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Ladies and Gentlemen, who have my own
responsibility. This is a very good
for me, as the voluntary kindness
of some of your dear sisters, classmates and
brethren here, who is the Countess Peck,
here. She bought it a very good hotel
and I think it is going to be better
than being a mindless man, he visited
I am sure I will find it here. I was
born here and lived at P. U. a school
not yet and I am sure it is a
ted. I am going to hope to spend
where I can dispose of my traps and
calamities. Wherever it will be I shall
probably be as often in this pleasant sit-
ting room with Mr. & Mrs. Jones and
and I am sure, even more of my time,
than in my own house. There is just
society for me in the house, which will
do me good. I will strengthen the dear love
of the dear ones. You will know
the late sister by the name of Anne
or occasionally by the very name of
William one of the boys. The late sister
in Westfield. They are seven miles
from there, though between five and six hun-
dred feet higher. They say it is a very nice
where we can find good roads. The roads
are good. After this is a very nice month that
is almost impassable roads, ramping
and leading down about me in a clough, each
around his own fire, I shall have