

Tuesday, Aug. 6 '00

My dear Ellen,

Your daughter
expressed a wish to see
the different Photos of
her mother. So yesterday
when our family party
was here, I asked Mary
to get all I had in my
albums & I sent them
here with. You will want
to know what we did &
who was the party, & all
Mary, her daughter, Carrie

her son & daughter, Ethel, The Sars
Doris & another little girl from Eastern
of course all the family here, I forgot
to mention - John McVinnie - the the
new minister son at Oxford, a lovely
boy Char' age, they are great cronies!
The dinner under the big oak tree
Mum had steak, potatoes, beans, cu-
cubbers, onions, pickles, jellies - cheese
pickled, Lamb's Tongues, & I may have
forgotten some. For dessert blackberry
pie, fruit cake angel food. Ice cream
lemonade. Coffee. Water Melon, which
however was not cut, 'Tis much steady
well, all had a grand time. Kath,
and Char perfectly happy - Joe got up
simple games & the laughing & shouting
was very inspiring - I sat on the bench

enjoying it all, even Mary
stopped her stocking darning
to take part in the fun!
I wish you might have
all been here. On Saturday
we all went to Green Pond
George ~~it~~ included her,
has spent two Sabbaths
at Mary's sister's, he &
family are to come here
perpetually
Of course Ed. has not
been at home, Sunday
before last he made up
his mind, but I do not
think Mary heard from

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Last week. It worries
me & I really think our
family ought not to be
there the only time he is
at his own home, I
always manage to come
here, excepting one other
I was there to supper, He
treated me politely. That
is all & I was thankful
for that. I think Mary
perhaps a mistake in not
arranging for his Sunday
at home, when he could be

his girls & he is all the time doing so much
for his family. Of course I would not say this
to any one else, so please destroy this letter,
I see it worries you & Clara too. They
think Ma is making a mistake, but enough
Uncle R's letter forwarded from Dublin enclosed
one from Lily - & a booklet of the place
they are staying. Wish you might see the letter
but I was to return it, & I am afraid it would
take too long to go the rounds. It is now raining
(after breakfast) & we may not go to Mary's as we
rather promised. The Ice Cream is made & ready with
you all could partake. Glad Fern is as good
to Paul, is Willie going. I hope to love & him & all mother

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unmolested. I felt very
much put out with
Carrie for not deciding
to come here last Sunday
for I know Geo. expected
to come - but, well she
wouldn't & she did it,
that is all about it,
Mary expected her to -
which made it the more
agreeable, but Mary is
cool and says and to
any thing - I do feel sorry
that I cannot even see



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