



Del. Water Gap.

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My Dear Friend,

Your letter was received last Tuesday and I was very sorry I was not able to accept your kind invitation, but I had a friend visiting me and of course could not leave them. I went down, the next day, to see cousin Mary Albright - she said she could not leave just now, as Grandmother was not at all well, but she latter is better now, and if cousin

How can leave, would it be convenient for you to have us come anytime? of course we would let you know before; but it may be some time yet before we can go.

This is a most delightful day, and I feel very much like taking a horse-back ride. I am always glad when October comes - I enjoy that month more than any other in the year; the air is so clear and enervating I feel like singing for very joy.

Have you taken any horse-back rides since you were here? what a warm day that was, I can feel the heat even now in imagination.

Lillie and Katie were in Phila. last week and as my friend went

away too, I had a lonely time of it; but my time is coming, and expect to take several little trips this Fall.

About drawing - I should be perfectly delighted to take lessons this Winter, but I hardly see how we could arrange that.

I hope to do a great deal of studying this Winter; I wanted so much to go away to school, but Papa says it is so lonely he cannot spare any of us.

If I had known when uncle Thomas Albright was going to Oxford I should have sent the dressing-sack with him; but I will take it with me when

cousin Mary and I go. Uncle Thomas seemed delighted with his visit and talks a great deal about "his nieces".

I received a letter from Julia Sheppard last week - the first I had heard from her since June; she has had a fine time this Summer, visiting, and was away seven weeks.

I hope to see you sometime this Fall, if I can induce cousin Mary to leave - it is so much more satisfactory to talk than to write. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am with much love,
your affectionate friend
Ella D. Bradhead.