

July 10.

Dearest father,

We had an all day picnic yesterday + Robert caught a number of very good looking trout wh. we shall eat this evening, with Howard to assist. We went by boat to "the Mag." + had enjoyed a wagon from there; but, to our surprise found an automobile (Ford) waiting for us instead. We scooted over (to our destination in no time + had a pleasant day, but the motor did not come for us until 8.30, instead of 7, + then broke down almost immediately, so we footed it home. Got lost for a brief space in the woods + finally arrived at our camp at 11 p.m. We had a mild supper + then went to bed. The nights are cool, almost cold, + the days now warm. We are reading a book on Crete for our reading aloud time, + find

this a very interesting one. I had no idea of that old old civilization, from which Greece draws her stories of Minotaur etc. that thrilled my childhood.

Shippen writes good news of Esther's welfare + of my granddaughter's growing cuttness + knowledge. I wish I could see her every day, so as not to miss anything. It will be lovely to share them all with me in August.

Robert leaves next week I am sorry to say. We shall all miss him very much. He will return some time in August.

Esther looks well at times + at others tired. As yesterday when our picnic was over, but she is slowly picking up of course, + I do hope by autumn will be her usual self.

How often is Mother getting out in the motor these days? I am glad to think your back are free from dust + that you have pleasant runs when you take them.

Love to [Mother?] + [Madge?], my regards to Miss Paul please. Your loving daughter Dora.