

## DOUGLASS HOUSE,

WM. CULLYFORD, PROPRIETOR.

Houghton, Mich., April 12<sup>th</sup> 1891

My very dear Fan:

Your postal came a day or two ago, also another letter from Charlotte, announcing that Miss W. was down, and Frances ailing. I trust nothing serious is the trouble with either. Ch. said she would let me know after the Dr's visit, if F. were likely to be ill. It is not very comforting to think of them moving about for one boarding place to another in a strange city, threatened with illness, far from home, and with neither of us near them. I hope they may soon be housed in Cambridge.

We have had a lovely day; the air has been very balmy, and the sun bright all day. I dined with the Judkins's, who came here last fall, from Dedham near Boston. The father is a retired Epis. clergyman, quite old, and, with the son, editing the local weekly paper here. There is one daughter — thus making in all a quartet. The father and daughter were both present, last night, at our little club, where I delivered myself in the Maine woods. The lantern was not first class, but on the whole the pictures showed up pretty well,

Mr. Tanyhan can send chks. for more  
out here — \$15. — if he will.

and people seemed satisfied - at least they didn't mob me. After the "show," the ladies retired to the adjoining room, and brewed some very good coffee, which was passed around with cake and candy.

The atmosphere around the Survey seems to be clearing up gradually. This week Prof. W. received assurances of a semi-official character, that the Survey was not to be dropped - i.e., allowed to die a natural death by failure to appoint a Director May 1<sup>st</sup>. As there is no other candidate in the "field," it is fairly certain that he will be reappointed. In another month we shall probably be making preparations to go out into the field with our hammers and knapsacks. I have no idea what part of the state we shall examine, but hope the region will be picturesque. The Huron Mts. north of Marquette are said to be very pretty, and I long to see them. I am wild to get out into the open air, but of course we can't go until the snow does. It has gone fast to-day, but we must expect a good deal more cold weather still. I have not written Ch., as she said they would leave to-morrow. Let me know when you get them safely back. Write soon. With love and kisses  
 Ever Lu.