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My dear wife:

Friday evening, on my return from the field, I found your welcome letter of June 29, enclosing one from Charlotte to you from Augusta. I was glad she seemed to be enjoying herself so much, and could not help thinking of the sad contrast last year at this time. What a wonderful change, and how thankful two of us, at least, ought to feel, to a kind Providence that has given us a new lease of life. My recent trip has been of great benefit to me in more ways than one. The experience gained in practical work out of doors was much needed, and although I have lost some flesh, and can now wear my trousers buttoned tightly, with comfort, still I am much stronger. The air up here is delicious, and at evening a light overcoat is rarely superfluous. They say this is the normal state of the weather after June, on Lake Superior, altho' from the fact that you were having cool breezes I have fancied a low temperature may be general, at present, throughout the country. One thing is certain. I have rarely come home from the woods with so sun-burned a complexion as now. Several acquaintances have actually passed me on the street without recognition. To-morrow Dr. Patton was to join Mr. Seaman in the field, in my place, but he has to go somewhere else for a week, and Dr. Wadsworth may want me to return for ten days. I fear

this will not be convenient, as I shall have to look over a lot of minerals just sent here to a friend, and besides, I promised to accept an invitation for next Saty, to visit a copper-mine some twenty-five miles to the north. I should like to go to Isle Royal before my return east, and see a little of the more picturesque part of this region. I can leave my work at any time now, and you need not be surprised if I should turn up some days before Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't let it interfere with your plans, for I can come out to Wayland, if you are there. I wish you would make an appointment with Dr. Andrews for me, for some day in August, if not too much trouble.

Ground has not yet been broken for our house, but to-morrow the site for it will be staked out, and this week our company organized. We have bought a lot near the School, 120 ft. front x 750 ft. deep. The plans are quite attractive, and we anticipate having a very pleasant home. I wish it were ready now. I shall give up my present room when I leave, and shall probably engage another elsewhere. I mean to pack some things in a box, clothing, copper specimens &c, and send them to Camb. in advance. Will the house be open while you are at Wayland? You would better not send the "transcript" any more at present, for it is often delayed a week in the way, or even longer, and a lot of them might accumulate here after I am gone. It has been very companionable, and I always seize it eagerly.

Have not heard for "Grandpa" since his return to N.Y. Will he not come over again later? Had a nice letter from Jim recently, and one from John Cilly, urging me to visit them on my way east. Enclose the latter, and Percis' receipted bill.

Give my love to Kitty, Kathy, and Frances, and with much for yourself believe me  
 Your husband  
 Lee.