

Lanarvale Wis.
July 7th 1905

My dear friend Deane -

Lanarvale never has
seemed more attractive to me
than it does this summer.
Mrs. Bell made a remark last
evening which I wonder it has
not occurred to some of us to
make before - namely - That the Lakes
are really quieter now than they
were when we first began
coming here, seven years ago -
With all the cottagers and guests
at the hotel there is less noise
and disturbance than there was
in the earlier days. At that
time there were half-a-dozen "Clubs"

which came out every season with
the express purpose of "raising old
Red" in which purpose they were
eminently successful. It may have
been "fun" for the "clubs" but it was
a serious annoyance to the few
families that came here for a
month or two ^{to} rest. Happily every
one of those clubs is defunct. Their
property having passed into private
hands, with the exception of the
"Belvoir" the members of which have
a quarrel among themselves - neither
party being able to buy out the
other and so both stay away.
The club now which is called "Belvoir
Island" the most valuable property
on the Lakes.

The evening of our arrival I
was told - not to say - commended by

my better nine-tenths to go and
lie in the hammock while the
rest of the family unpacked the
trunks - to lie in fact. Till I was
called to supper! Well I was all
stuffed up with dust and car smoke
- somewhat tired - and so offered a
very feeble protest. How grateful
was the pure air and the perfect
stillness of that summer evening!
I felt then - what I have already
begun to realize - that Landerdale
would serve me better than did
Georgia last winter. I have
brought a lot of millwork with
me and hope to accomplish some-
thing worth while if I do gain in
strength.

I had a nice letter from
Jim before I left Rockford - and
another since my arrival here

What a generous fellow you are
not to "keep account"

I did not know how it was with
Rand Talk. But before I got the
hint from you, I had begun to
notice the morbid feeling in his
letters which you deprecate and
in my last letter to him - dropping
all threads of previous correspondence
I set out to "shake him up" and
make him realize that there was
nothing in the whole business to
give any one of us a moment's
anxiety or concern - If any one need feel
blue it is Button - over the flat
failure of the book with a long name -
As even Dr Coulter remarked to me
"evidently condemned by the Potomac
fraternity" We are to have a 6 lb pike
which Walter caught yesterday baked for
dinner today - Wish you and Mrs. Deane
and the family no! Cordially Bebb



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