

Wednesday Aug 21/01

Dear Anna

We have had the reading of your letters to Nellie Charlotte & Susan B. which were pronounced very interesting - Nellie was over Sunday & took a bread & milk supper with us - She seemed very pleasant & in good humor, with the world generally -

Charlotte, by invitation, had attempted to read to Susan B. twice, but company was on hand once, & S. B. C. was in bed the other time, so it may be the "three times & out" next time -

We had a young couple - A. B.
A. says engaged, from East
Hamlin, to dinner yesterday.
Maggie got it up very nicely.
They are in college, and
each has a year or two
longer to stay - much better,
I think not to have so
long engagements - If there
is the right-kind of love,
& enough of it, there is no
danger but each will wait
for the other; if not, the
sooner they drift apart; the
better. - But - the greatest
wonder of the age happened
this morning - Mr & Mrs Cook
left on the 9.0 for the Adirondacks

Mr C. to ^{be} return Sunday -
Well, after showing her last
night how much easier she
could get started with no
breakfast to get, nor dishes
to wash, she & he consented
to take breakfast with us,
which they did, putting up
a lunch of our homemade
bread, her boiled ham,
peaches &c. &c. and got off
in good style - She hopes
to stay a month at least -
She was better, but doctor
insisted she must go somewhere
& she has gone - Maggie thinks
it will seem rather lonely
with both you & her gone -

Have lived here 9 years, I think & never before consented to take a meal with us, even after putting more into the larder than they could possibly eat - Mr Gavor, ^{is to be married} ~~to be married~~ next month, don't you wish you were to be the happy bride, so you could have the mother with you for all time to come - If the new wife only likes her as well as Mr & all will go lovely,

I am to look after ^{Poppy} during the absence of the heads of the family - Rev. Anna will be here tomorrow night, & Friday a number of us go to the Silver Lake meeting - Hope Minniefred is all right, & the rest of you well - With love
M. C. Anthony