

Miss Geraldine F. Poal-  
S. S. Duchess of York.  
Supposedly on the Ocean.

Bay View June 16-/-29

Dearest Granddaughter Geraldine,

I am back in Bay View as you already know  
Where the birds sing sweet songs and the  
You'd love it this morning, if you only were here,  
For the sun is warm and bright and the air is  
so clear,  
Our Robin is singing just outside the door  
And you hear the waves humming as they lap  
on the shore!  
The grass is so green, the flowers so sweet-  
Your heart sings for joy, your spirit rises to-  
meet-  
The Great Father of all with thanksgiving and  
praise:  
That He gave us these blessings to brighten our  
days.  
You should see the cottage, it looks very fine  
And I wonder sometimes if it really is mine:  
With its dress of cream white touched with  
ribbons of green:  
Tan brown on the porches and steps to be seen,  
I feel very clean and enjoy honest pride:  
In the rooms painted white upon the inside.

This is the sabbath, a glorious day.

My plans were to rise early, and then wend my way  
To the church in Petoskey, and worship a while  
With the saints and the sinners, some from  
many a mile:  
And join with them there in song and in prayer  
To the dear Heavenly Father for his wonderful care.  
But how weak is the flesh, how unsettled the  
will,  
I rose at six thirty, went down stairs very still,  
To be continued.