

and tell about his two little girls Alice (oldest) and Mary. who wanted to know when he was leaving; if he was coming to see "Little Maria"; she says "my pa is a good man, aint you pa? My pa is not a bad pa." Alice who is grandpa's girl and comes in to play with Mary but we quarrel frequently.

Mon. 18th. Geo. intended going home to night on 5:30 train but a very heavy thunder shower prevented him. Maria came down on that train & waited at Bronte station till after rain then walked home through the mud. She took our summer dresses of ecru muslin & sailing but left her parcels at station. Maggie, McCardell, Miss Sarah & Bournell called this evening.

Tues. 19th. More heavy showers to-day. Maria & Geo. go over to Mandy's and get caught in rain. Geo. & M. were out shooting in forenoon went to Bray's for dinner. N. G. & another man come down from Hamilton for dinner. Maria drove Geo. to station. Parting salute to Nati from him was "No harm to his young brother, whether girls did." Wonder if he means he will be a brother or not?