

displayed, whether at work or play, and how we all caught the spirit of her exhilaration, you will not fail to recall. The fireside scene I have already referred to, in which her position was always Mistress of Ceremonies, when the romps and the wrestling would occur. Her hearty enjoyment of the family fun of boisterous youngsters I know will be a sweet memory to you. I want you always to hear her merry peal of laughter through it all. But it was in Muskoka that her fun-loving nature found its appropriate field. She had a passion for the wilderness and water, and the solitude of her northern home gave her the freedom for that abandonment to nature which her whole being craved. You recall her many expeditions for the curious growths of the dark forest, the trailers and creepers which hid themselves in the shades, and the bark which lent itself to her deft fingers to be fashioned in curious workmanship. You recall her bird-lore and her bug-lore, and all the studies and pastimes which her happy Muskoka home always afforded her. And then her joy upon the waters. How at home she was when the white-caps were rolling and the wind was at its height! She would order her boat, take her place in the stern cushions always provided for her, and when the sail was hoisted and the wind was strong, who so happy as she! How her glad songs would echo among the rocks! Or perhaps she would prefer the smooth-gliding canoe, urged on with paddle or sail. You recall her keen delight in this sport. I need not tell you of her swimming. How she enjoyed the mad water frolics! At times she would set out for a neighboring island and swim for a mile perhaps, before she reached the other shore. Her face would tan, of course, and she had to be deprived of a great many comforts of course; yet, her vacation was always pure delight to her, and she was the companion of her boys in all the fun and work of it.