

1 them at the termination of my pedestrian excursion. Here we had lunch, after which we drove back to
2 Windsor by a different road from that on which we drove out. We were shown the island and the spot
3 where King John was forced by his barons to sign the "Magna Charta" and many other places historically
4 interesting were pointed out to us by our guide. We reached the station a few minutes before 5 and at 6
5 o'clock were at home in time for dinner. This adds another to the many days of pleasure we have
6 enjoyed during the past year – but we are satisfied and, without exception, "want to go home." Mr.
7 George Wright called this evening and spent an hour with us. He is a very genial, pleasant gentleman,
8 and we were much gratified with his visit. Mrs. Wright was not able to be out, or she would have been
9 with him.

10 April 21st. Examined horse railway tracks and cars. Also made sketch of roof of N.W.R.R. depot, a very
11 costly structure over a wide span perhaps 200 feet. The key of the trunk sent from Geneva last fall was
12 lost, so that we were obliged to break the trunk open. Purchased proper implements and repaired
13 damages myself. Ladies have completed their shopping and have nothing to do but pack up and leave.

14 April 22nd. Dull, rainy day, foggy and disagreeable altogether. Every thing in readiness for our trip to
15 Liverpool. Intended to call on Mr. Wm. Wright to day, but find myself nearly used up with a cold and did
16 not venture out.

17 April 23rd. Left London at 10 A.M. Reached Liverpool at 3 P.M. Our niece Ella met us at Edgefield and
18 accompanied us. A very pleasant surprise to us. Found comfortable rooms at the Adelphi Hotel. Went
19 immediately to Baring Bros & Co. Bank and found letters from Clara & James dated March 20th.

20 April 24th. Walked down to the agents office of the National line to see if every thing was all right in
21 regard to our ocean trip. Found that the steamer Spain had been hauled off for repairs and that the
22 England would sail in her place on the 28th. Did not like this arrangement as the Spain had been highly
23 spoken of as a first class steamer, and we had written home that we would leave on that vessel.
24 However, I selected my state rooms by the plan of the vessel and then took an omnibus and rode some
25 2 miles to see the steamer and find out what sort of craft I had engaged to trust my precious freight on
26 board of. Was gratified to find that she is one of the largest steamers on the ocean and that her interior
27 arrangements are all that could be desired and that the state rooms secured by me are the best in the
28 ship. I returned to the hotel in a very good humour with myself and all the rest of mankind. After lunch,
29 drove out some four miles to West Derby (Ella accompanied us) to spend the evening with Mr. Bruce
30 and his wife. Had a delightful visit, a sumptuous dinner, and returned to our hotel at 11 o'clock this
31 evening. Feel the need of rest.

32 April 25th. Sunday. Mrs. Van and the girls went to church. Finding myself considerably out of tune, I
33 remained at home all day. Ella is with us much of the time, and the girls have a good time talking over
34 matters and things. Mr. Bruce has put in my care a case containing a fine double barreled gun, and
35 equipments, as a present to George. I hope it will pass the custom house at New York free of duty. We
36 shall see.

37 April 26th. Ladies out shopping. I walked to the office of the Cunard line to find a lot of chairs stored
38 with them last May. Found everything all right and will get them to morrow. Went this afternoon to
39 Aigburt by invitation to spend a few hours with "Uncle John Wright," some 4 miles out of town. Had a
40 very pleasant interview with our new friends. Uncle John is brother in law to our sisters mother in law