every one who desired to go to Chicago had to come
around by way of Green Bay. There was no other way to
get there except by sail vessels, which were very irregular
in their trips.

Our boat waited in Chicago some days for a load. Trav-
elers overfilled the boat going West, but few passengers
went East, and no freight. The society on these boats was
very good, consisting largely of ladies and gentlemen who
were in search of new homes, and who seemed to be glad
to meet with Western people. The boats were luxuriant,
nothing could be more comfortable; the tables were good,
the servants also. One most important person on these
stylish boats was the chambermaid; and one fared well who
secured her friendship. Jane Wigg was the last I traveled
with. There was nothing she would not do for me or
mine. I crossed the lake with her several times. These
boats had two departments besides the steerage. Ladies
who had small children preferred taking the lower cabin,
on account of its conveniences. There were two cabins,
one below and the other above.

We continued on our journey and at last reached our
dear old home. The children did not dread the visit. We
visited Mackinac annually, and they were always happy to
be there. My mother and grandmother were expecting us,
but felt greatly disappointed that we could stay with them
for so short a time, as the boat remained only an hour.

On our arrival at Detroit we found our friends expecting
us. Mr. Baird left there the same day. At Detroit I was the
guest of Mrs. R. Forsythe, a lovely person. She was the
sister of my very dear friend, Mrs. Seth Rees, who had gone
to Detroit some weeks in advance of my arrival. I enjoyed
the visit very much. Mrs. Forsythe had visited me at
Green Bay. At Detroit I found the widow of Dr. Wolcott
of Chicago, she whom I had known in 1816 as Helen Kin-
zie. She was soon to marry George Bates of Detroit. She
was a splendid woman. She lived only a short time after
her marriage. My stay was short in Detroit, as my hus-
band was to return at the earliest moment, and I wanted to