

but perhaps there might be a room or
two in an adjoining house - or near
by somewhere. The hall, the boys &
we could use in common, - no one
could sleep there, anyhow. Of course
it is easier to rent the house to a
family, & pays quite as well. It is
about as good as it is long any
way. At this distance, I can't tell
as well as you & Evelina can, which
is best. Probably the one that we can
do, whichever it is. As you say,
you could care for the furnace, or one
of the boys. Mr. Heath got up early &
fixed it & shoveled the ashes out every
morning into the pan which later seldom
carried out. He had 40¢ a week for
this, & room \$1.35 instead of 1.75. He set
the price.

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My dear Willie:-

This mail has
just brought me your letter and
one from Evelina, both about the
same question; the boys &c. that is,
renting the house.

Mrs. Murell wrote me not long be-
fore Aunt Mary & I went on our
"tour" and I replied. I supposed
of course she had told Evelina
the same thing, that they were ex-
pecting to take a smaller house
for next year. I have been thinking a

Great deal about what we should do
next year, & I supposed you were
thinking of it too. I hardly know
what is best, but it seems some-
what I should rather be in Dublin
next College year than any where else.
Mr. (I forget his name, he married us,
& the next house &c. - oh yes, Thompson.)
Mr. Thompson says July & August are
the best months to visit Havana & Florida,
but we visited once to the Herald in
April, & I think as you do, the same
the better soon for home, - certainly
for boys.
I think I will leave the business
to you with what Miss Estlin & Selden

can give. If you can get the boys
engaged, perhaps that would be
the best thing. But 15 would be
very crowded. We could rent the
4 bed room & the parlor, but
not the dining room & kitchen,
not parlor. I could sleep on a
divan in the dining room, and
Estlin live at a hall. You
would have to share a room with
some one, & Selden - where would
he be? I would not be willing
to have such a crowd of boys occupying
in the home without myself or some
matron in charge. If you & Selden
are at home you see you would be too many

not expect Spurnie to make me to
read them as I have done heretofore,
for almost none of my acquaintances
did to, & they got as good news
as I did.

I am very well and there is
no sense in my fearing as an
invalid any longer. I don't think
I have felt so well in ten years.

Of course one reason is because
I am having such an easy life.

but I am a great deal stronger
than I was last Christmas time
& ready to get at any thing as soon
as I go back to Scotland. Which I now
expect will be June 10th the J. M. Y.

at Clifton Sp. is June 3-9 & I want to
stop there on my way home, & make
some other visits before that in May.

If we have a house full of boys
don't you think Elizabeth had better
be at a ball? I mean to go to
class any hour, & can walk
well enough I am sure, & see
her very often. I'm & I perhaps
could regularly get dinner at some
house, & have the other two meals
at home - how would that do?
We should want to make the home
work as little as possible. What
about Solon? If he goes next for
the summer, when will he come back?

What do you think of Purdue for
a technical course for Tim?
Uncle George says graduates
from there have a fine standing
& get good places, & it is
cheaper than Case.

Now, I am going to put the home
into your hands, asking you to get
Evelina's wisdom & advice on it.
My first choice is a family like the
Newells (which may be hard to get)
but if you say no, why say it can
be. - Or, I'd like people like the
Pommes, that is more useful than boys.

We did it for two years & had the
little room always. I can't be
bothered taking any one to board, &
there is no money in it for me any
way. There are no lamps to fix since
we use gas. The lamps have gradually
given out & have not been renewed.

You know I am expecting to put in
a new & larger furnace this
summer. I have it in order for
fall. That will make the house
more desirable. We would have to
have a regular person to take care
of the boys rooms. Some one could come
in for that daily, perhaps. I should

+ I could take two such sets of folks, + keep all three children with me. Such renters take care of their own rooms, and are less care. As Evelina's letter of today was about the same subject as yours, please show her this, + I think your united judgment will be good. You both have good common sense + judgment

Of course my preference is to have my children by me as long as I can.

Of course I can't tell just what
furniture could go places or rooms,
but would make every thing com-
fortable & nice. I always do, &
try to please people. I couldn't
empty the linen closet on 2^d floor,
but possible might the 3^d story
one. But 15th boys are too many, I
know to be really comfortable.
Your loving Mother.