

Friday morning.

My dearest Elie,

I rec. three very
lovely letters from you three
girls - I would write to them
but cannot buy mail this
morning, but will scratch
off a line to you - Edm. took
Willie to N.Y. this morning
starting at 5 o'clock. He expects
to show him the sights take
him to Coney Is. - & then
meet Mary & the girls. This
P.M., returning this evening
I suppose Willie ought to start
for C. S. - on Monday, what
arrangements will be made
about his home going, I do
not know

May Whelan, has not been
very well so we telephoned
for Dr. Lefferts, he has just
gone but says her movement
is disintegrated, still as she
is so much better than in
the night, he thinks she will
not be seriously sick, I
asked him for med. for the
girls as they requested, but
had no particulars to give
him, he says he will send
the same as last time, but
would like to have particulars
so that is my object in
writing this morning so that
you can send him word,
you had better write to him
as soon as you can.

Clara came back last eve
after being away, at her

Home for seven weeks. She
 seems to be looking well, &
 happy - Joe is happy of course
 but he has been the best
 boy in her absence and
 such a comfort, always -

Carrie will go away on Sunday
 God permitting - and we
 will miss her so much &
 the dear children and Georg
 surely visits on Sunday -

On Sunday will be our Com-
 munion & Mr Edmundson
 from 2^d Church, Rutland
 will be here on that occasion
 I hope you & Mrs. will some-
 be us of this Church,

Mr Maxwell is to marry
 our girl "Anne" tomorrow at
 the home of Mrs Perry. She

mostly expect to go to see the
Census - Mrs Perry told me
Mr M. had preached every
Sunday excepting one, since
he had left the Church, but
had accepted no call, I
have seen him a couple
of times since my return
& always here forgotten to
ask whether he rec. Mrs's
letter, but if I hear a chance
I will try to do so tomorrow.
I think Willie is improved
in many ways - and I do
hope you will keep a firm
and steady hand on him

He is a kind & good natured
boy - but, is not fond of obey-
ing, as you know, & I am
aware that we do not like

to hear of the faults of our children, but sometimes we realize more about them, if we hear the opinion of others and while it is hard to bear yet we must open our eyes however painful it may be & not let our love blind us in regard to their faults I hesitate to say - & if it seems true I must say it and that is what I have seen & say since he knew any thing, that the other children here after be punished & blamed for his naughtiness - I am not partial or have any favorite, but they see the injustice of it, and

while it ^{may} make them more
lovable it will make him
more selfish & it may be de-
ceitful - Oh! I do long to see
him, a conscientious,
devoted Christian, then, and
only then will he see they
do not come his birthday sins
Chas - he's his birthday party
on Monday ^{labor day} & then on Tuesday
the whole family will take
their leave, they go into a
furnished house, rented until
the 1 of May,

Well, I must close with
the love do much love
Reach to you me
Ever your ever dear Mother

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