

My dear Will,

Your good letter was very welcome. I certainly was surprised when Emily wrote that you were in Aberdeen, but I shall soon grow accustomed to your sudden moves. It must be hard to settle down to study after the excitement of last year, but it's fine that you can and do. At least your friends won't have to worry over the dangers of the woods for you this year.

It is interesting to hear Emily's accounts of

stop very frequently at the
parsonage and are very well
managed. Note our friends
and his wife. Mr. Egle is a
swimming man, by the way, but very
brilliant, yet a visionary creature
and dreadfully about minded
at times. He would run his feet
off to anyone, though. His wife
married him because she loved
him and although she regrets
that he had to be a minister,
she makes the best of it. This
a case! There's a sad case. The
first time I took John to church,
we tried to extract a quart
from the contributions box. Mrs.

Urbine and to compare
the present with "the days"
when I was young. I really
ought in a year to have
had a much better idea
of Urbine than I obtained,
but you know pretty well
how my year was spent.
At least, Ed, I made one
very good friend, and
friends are about as good
an accumulation as any
one can gather in a life-
time. I feel sure.

Write your letters and
Emily's. I ought to grow
better acquainted with Urbine
now. I have made a few
very good friends this
past year. Harold and

Eple said she wondered
that she hadn't been taught
enough to teach her children
that trick. This is any thing
but pious, but she is really
interested in anything to help
the Eple, and like him
would go to any length of
trouble to do a kindness to
anyone.

The little church we
attended was founded by Ward
father, and after very hard
work for it, he was asked to
resign by the standing
committee. The majority were
young men and they were
angered on by one or two
who were indignant because
Mr. Dodge would not allow a
play to be given in the church
proper, and because they

wanted a younger man.
Of course it was a pretty
hard thing and more or
illegal as the vote of the
parish was taken, and the
Dodge suffered through it
extremely. His wife did soon
after and of course the end
of her life was made very
unhappy over it all.

The powers that be are
somewhat changed now, yet
you can realize that it
was hard for us to decide
to go there to church. I
tell you this mostly to
let you know what kind
of a fellow Harold is. We
are both working very hard
in the church and there's
a great deal to do from
now until Christmas time.

more convenient, and I hadn't sur-
arrived that you were. I know
the principles are there, though,
and not never never.

Please do see someone, that
Aldon goes to the circus, Mr.
I have thought of it so many
times. I am glad my parents
got limbered out a little bit
before I arrived, and yet I
shall always be glad that
their principles are firm as
the rock of ages.

Will I must. Take any
more time and especially I
must take any time of your
this time. So it maybe better I
see you? that certainly would.

I was delighted at a
suggestion of seeing you
during your holidays.
I shouldn't hope too much,
for fear of being disappointed,
but do come if you can.
I shall be delighted to see
the pictures, and also to see
you (incidentally of course).

I was interested in your
self analysis. Of course I
know you're quite grown
up and yet that "Austen"
of yours that we both loved
seems part, has certainly
left his trace, and I
am sure you will do
him credit. Of course I
knew you had the
making of a broad minded
man, and would grow

be fine.

Very truly your friend
Walter Dodge
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December fourth.

Give my love to Seldon
and Evelina. I wonder if
I would know them!



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