

Stapleton, Aug. 14th

My dear husband

I received your card from New Bedford yesterday, so I suppose I may send my letters to New port. Pa is a little better than yesterday, but he is so discouraged about himself that I am afraid it will have a bad effect upon him. The Doctor says he is doing as well as he can. Aunt Sidney is about the same, but she is dreadfully low spirited, and with the prospect of Pa's becoming so too, it is not a very cheerful state of affairs, but it seems to be my fate, to be with low spirited people, so I think the best Frank and I can do is to try to be cheerful ourselves. Frank has plenty to do but he says there is no money in it. Lucy comes over every day & Mrs. Greenfield always comes once and sometimes twice a day. They leave today for Lake George. We have had a good many visitors besides, yesterday the Miss Rhinds came down.

The children are very well and I think will be improved by the change, Miss Kellogg is taking a great deal of pains to make them obedient and well behaved. Willie rebelled decidedly at first against saying "Please and thank you" at the table, he said he had never been accustomed to it and would'nt [sic] do it, but Miss K. was firm and he finally gave in quietly. I have engaged a girl to come tomorrow. I had to give more wages than I wanted to, but I do'nt [sic] but I didn't [sic] know what else to do, Amelia was getting very anxious to leave, as I think she was afraid she would lose some of the places where she had engagements to [serve?] every week, this girl had a very good recommendation and was the only one Mrs. Mackenzie knows of now. I have to give her \$12, but as it is only for a month or so I think the \$2 or \$3 I might same would'nt [sic] pay for the extra trouble and worry I might have in looking up another.

I send you two letters, also the article and ~~for~~ I think you will agree with us in not considering it suitable to publish in the Gazette.

I hope you are having a nice time and will continue ~~you~~ well. We are not having any hot weather, and I dont [sic] think there is much sickness, at least most of Frank's cases are of a kind quite irrespective of season, accidents to working men & so one & the some of his patients are at such a distance that they consume a great deal of time, yesterday he had to go out to Tode Hill.

With love to Dody

Your affectionate wife

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