

Probury 1st day noon
8th 24th

My dear children

Lillie, Chellie & Tom.

You have all been
so kind in writing to me,
that I think it is no more
than fair, that you receive
a reply to your nice letters,
but I cannot write long at
a time, and reserve that
^{time} for papa. Your sailing
excursion, seems to have been
very engrossing, not only
during the voyage, but before
and after. I could not
help feeling sorry that papa
should have been made
sea-sick, as I do not
believe

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it was very good for him,
but I am glad you all
enjoyed the trip so much
and still more glad, that
you all returned home
safely, without being becalmed
or carried out to sea. —

Elizy Smith called here
yesterday, to tell me, a
little about you, and seemed
to think you were all
enjoying yourselves very much
indeed I do not know
how you could well help
it, with so many agreeable
people, the Cope family in-
cluded.

Dear little Algie was very
sick all yesterday, and
last night, Aunt Lizzie
very kindly staid all ~~last~~ night
to help take care of him, but
the Dr thinks him much

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better to day, tho' he is weak, but he is taking
a ~~good~~ ^{long} nap which I hope may do him good.
Uncle Harry thinks his attack might have been
partly owing to his teething, and partly to be
attributed to the damp warm weather, we
have had for a day or two past. - To day the air
is much cooler, and more pleadant; - Uncle
John came home last evening, and brought
Chellie's note. I did not know that Lettie
Stokes had gone again, until last evening,
when I received ^{her} ~~the~~ note. Algie is on Jane's
lap, playing with the marbles, he seems
very pleasant, but wants to be quiet.
Jim Sills, Cousin Blemmie is staying up at

4 grandpa's, and was here
a few minutes this afternoon
with aunt Lizzie Cope. —
My love to cousin Amelia
and tell her I should be
glad to receive a few lines
from her, if she has time
to write. I hope she is better
and stronger than when
she left home. —
Give my love to grandpa
and grandma, also
aunt Anne, and tell or
how they are when you
write again;

Algie sends his love, or
rather I send affectionately
it for him.

your mother
A. Cope.

P.S.

My love to papa.
Excuse this note, as it has been
written in the odd minutes.