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Aunt Betty,

I'm waiting for Mrs. Glover to finish lunch, and I wanted to write you, so here I am.

The school was good today. I think the attendance was off a little, but not much. We're going to have an evangelistic service Friday morning, in order that the priests will not have a chance to keep some of the children from being saved, as it would be if some of the children were to wait over the weekend. I want to pray now about it, though, to be sure that God is working in it. Pray much for us.

Roberta wrote me a note in answer to the one I gave her. I could keep the note, but we've never had any secrets, so I'm sending it on to you, just as she gave it to me. This O.K., now. I was afraid it might upset her work here, but it didn't. I'm glad, too.

Last night, after I come back from my "dinner
engagement," the Howes had the Luamas for
company. Mr. Luama come in once, while
I was listening to records. We chit-
chatted for a while, then he asked me if
Roberta was my girl. I said no, that she
was a member of a family I had known
for years. So, there was a good place to
kill a lot of this local gossip. I told
him that my girl was at U. C. C.

Unless some lie have been passed around,
all this nonsense behind my back is go-
ing to come to a screaming halt. I drop
small hints here and there, where they'll
do the most good and will travel the
fastest, about you and "us." They catch on
quick enough, especially when I tell that
I've known all the Coates family for
about 12 or 13 years, nearly 14, now.
God will straighten this mess out, I feel.

I'm going to write to Bro. Huff and they
Livia both, and try to make arrangements

to be free for the animal in winter. I
knew more after the Association's board
meeting tomorrow night. May that Dad's
will may be done.

Betty, I'm a relaxed and happy person
since Monday. I can whistle, now, and I have
more energy without tension. I'm glad I
decided this way. I gave Dad a good world,
and so we just kept me along in the way.
We know I would go. I love you, Honey.

I'd better dash, and eat dinner (lunch).
I'm starved. Bye, for now. I'll don't know
if I can come Saturday. Probably not. As to
Alice if you can, so I can meet you there let
me know.

Love begin Dad's gonna,
David

David,

I understood everything very plainly as I read what you had written this morning. I'll admit it hurt and hurt deep but David I as well as you don't want to make a mistake because of selfish wants. I suppose I have been selfish in even wanting you when you were in love with another girl. I'll admit I'm just a kid with a long way to go before I'm grown. I'm not sorry however that I ever kissed you. I meant it from the bottom of my heart ^{3 times} everytime I did. I'm afraid I tried to get you without God's permission. I'm afraid most of my prayer

was telling God instead of asking. David I feel now since you have finally found God's will in this affair that it is best perhaps it worked out this way. I don't know but the reason you appealed to me may have been you were so sweet and understanding toward me. You know how it is at Miranda and you know what I mean.

Just remember David that wherever you go and whatever you do I'll always be praying for you. Always remember to that I think you are a wonderful Christian who is sweet and understanding toward everyone.

In our Christ's name
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