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Dear William,

Today is not a very fine day and so I will take the opportunity of writing to you. I am keeping all the stamps off your letters only you might get some clean ones and send them inside.

Tomorrow I am going out in the crosses boat with Willie and Harry for Harry came down last night.

Mr. Nelson's steam-yacht has been anchored in front of here for several days. I think it is going away today.

Last night we all went down to the rocks to fish. We built a large fire and Eliza read to us and we caught about a dozen and a half.

Tell papa that, Good

words for the young" is a very nice
book and we read it almost
every night.

I wish you would write
some questions in your letters
because I have hardly any
news.

Tell papa that I am very
sorry I have nothing to say
or I would certainly write
to him. I will try to hear or
do something worth telling
about. Maria is in the same
fix and if I draw myself
tell papa it is only to give
mamma something to write
about.

I remain yours truly
Katherine