

Oct 14.

Dear Mrs Curtis,

I am so sorry not to have written to you before to ask your permission for Irene & I to be engaged. We wrote to her mother and I wrote the following day asking for her consent.

I thought that having done that it was all I could do till we heard from her. We decided ~~that~~ in the meantime ^{that} only a few of our very near relations should be told. Irene arranged to tell you and Berly. I am afraid that I did not realize that it was as important to ask you as to ask her mother.

I know that she kind with you and meant to write & tell you as soon as I heard from her mother.

~~I am afraid you will think me very rude for not having written before.~~ I am afraid you will think me very rude for not having written before.

I do hope that you will not have any objection to our being engaged. I fully realize that we have only known each other for a comparatively short time but it is quite long enough for us both to be absolutely convinced of our affection for each other and that nothing will ever make us change.

I fear I am very ignorant of the duties of guardians and put all my trust in you to obtain their consent too.

I will come & see you as soon as I get leave again and will talk everything over with you. In the meantime I think that the engagement should be

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kept as brief as possible.

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I must again apologize for not

having written to you before (last) that you

will approve of our engagement.

I am sure you sincerely wish us to be engaged. I will be engaged to you in the following way for the next 6 months.

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