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Dear Ruth.

As I see you are feeling so bad because I won't go to church I have changed my mind and so I will go there as usual.

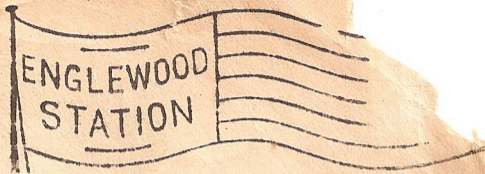
But was it not for you I would not be seen in that church for a long time.

When I saw you Sunday night I felt bad because I did not go to the young peoples meeting when I had promised you I would go.

but I guess you will forgive me
for not treating you as I should.
I see that some one has said that
I don't think much of you but don't
believe them for it is not true if
I did not like you you would
soon get to know it but not
through others for I don't tell
others all the things of you.

If my parents did not object to
that I keep company with a
girl I would go and see you
oftener but they think I am
too young yet so I don't like to
have make them feel bad
about it.

It is late now and I will close
my letter and hope to see you
Sunday if nothing prevents it.
I still remain
Your John



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