

with continued rest. I have
already gained about 10 lbs.

I am glad you like
the pictures. Is this kit much
better than the one I sent to
our friend F. G.

Before I close I must tell
you by way of excuse that I
am writing with a borrowed
pen. Give my regards &
congratulations to Will. I
suppose he is as proud as
"papa" can be over ^{his} son
and a son too.

I will close with "three cheers
for baby" and a heart full of
love for manama

writes soon.

Sincerely & truly - Jessie

Chariton Iowa
Sep 23rd 1886

Mrs Nora Keam.

My Dear Friend:-
I just received your letter
and will answer at once
for I want to tell you how
full my heart is with
congratulation & good wishes
upon the advent of your
new happiness.

Oh Nora dear! I can realize
just how happy you are
and I am glad, so glad,
you have now attained
the highest position of woman-
hood. wife & mother.

God may lead show you how
to most nobly fulfill the

task before you. And I feel
sure that you my friend
with God's help will make
a noble mother; there can be
no higher aim in a true woman's
life. You have my truest
& sincerest wishes for the
success of your efforts, and
may "baby" live to bless
his parents and be their ^{comfort}
pride & joy. dear little fellow
yes, I'm sure I should love him
& your letter ~~has~~ has given me
such a great desire to see you.
but "we must want what we
can have" if we are content.
But I do have some hope
of seeing you next fall
you ask "when I will come"
probably then. I am
going west in the spring, & if
in the fall I can find

time, my first pleasure
will be to see you.
I will do nothing with my
study of the summer this ^{summer}
next. with my ^{school} teaching also.
I have a few weeks before my
winter work begins & as I
dislike being idle, I am
going to learn the dressmaker
trade, in the mean time, for
my own special benefit.
It will begin next week. I am
in town this week having my
teeth filled, not a very pleasant
task, but necessary.
I have enjoyed my rest so
much since I came home
& feel better physically than
I have for months.
I am afraid I would become
corpulent if I could ^{be} content