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My dear Willie

At last I find myself making an attempt to write to you but really if you only knew the turmoil that I live in day by day you would not wonder that I have been so long silent; at last I have a girl in the kitchen but the very day after she came the little handy housemaid that I had was obliged to go home, so that left me still overburdened with work about the house. I seem to have so much to say to you that I know not where to begin and have but little time to spare. J. Morgan came on Friday evening much to the delight of the girls who are very fond of music, he left all in the rain this morning for Hamilton to catch the early train. Hennie and Hal went home last week and we have not since heard of them but she was very much better when she left I only hope she may keep so through the winter. We have a new man who is a good hand for work he has been busy about the garden all the fine weather we had. He has not been long out from Ireland--he is called Robert Taylor, a cousin of his once lived servant with Uncle Henry.

I do not know whether I can send you the wished for Dimes because Papa is not home and I have no notes in the house however if he comes in in time I will enclose it as I suppose you want it before the grand day of Games. And now what will you say when I tell you that Marianne Janette Ellen Mary and Charlotte are to be with you on that day--and if you can escape from the Games to meet them at the Station they will be glad to see you there they are (if all be well) to leave this by the morning train, lunch at the Toronto Station, and on to Weston, and if they should get an invitation to remain the evening at the Grand Shine they would be sleep at the Hotel at Weston, returning to Toronto next morning if not they will return to Toronto and mean to stay there till Saturday or perhaps Monday, if it is possible I would like you to write directly you get this, so that we might get it by Wednesday eveng. telling us if the Games are really to come off and at what time in fact tell us all about it and if it will be possible for the girls to put up comfortably in case they stay the night, they anticipate quite a pleasure trip and are anxious to see their cousin Willie. I think you'll like them, we all do. Mr. Jones of Trin. Coll. preached here Yesterday. Mr. Ballard being away for Ordination and Papa at Ancaster and Flamborough, they have nearly completed the new part of Ancaster Church which will I fancy look remarkably well when the stained window is in. I hope you are progressing in all good things at school doing heartily whatsoever has to be done--not forgetting good Mr. Halsen's reminder of Eccles XIX. What an arduous task you must have as Prefect with so many boys, you need an assistant or it may be divided in two parts. The girls will bring you down some cash which I hope will be twice enough.

Good-bye dear Willie
Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler