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My dear, dear Willie

Here it is one oclock in the morning and I am sitting down to write to you. ~~xxx~~ You are I know soundly sleeping, dreaming I hope all sorts of delicious things. I told you that I would not complain any more, now just see how well I'll keep my promise. The reason for my writing at this dreadful hour is this. There have been a lot of people here this evening & they have just gone, leaving me not in the least sleepy, very tired, and generally feeling dilapidated. I cannot go to sleep so here I am in my bedroom writing to you when you are as sound as a top. I wonder if you are dreaming at all of me. I am a very great believer in the connection of friends by some unfelt tie which is nevertheless very strong & I often fancy, & it is a very jolly idea, that when you are most in my thoughts you are also thinking of me. We have had a most outrageous evening of it. I began by being very jolly to the young ladies who were here, out of sheer despair, & the consequence was that they became perfectly outrageous, saying & doing things to me that -- I had better stop I'm treading on dangerous ground. Like most of your advice when you do vouchsafe to give any, that concerning my discontent is very good. I know myself that I ought to be very thankful and so I shall be. I am very, very sorry that you do not agree with me about those words & expressions. I do not think them wrong. I only their tendency to be not for good. I'll say no more hereafter about them as I evidently see that you do not like me ever to mention the subject, but I had hoped that if it was easy to give them up, you would have done so if for no other reason for my sake. You say I brought up that old affair about the Navy again, as if it were something that I knew you disliked and yet always persisted in teasing you with. Now, I do not think I ever said anything to you about it before & nothing wd have induced me to say anything then had it not been that at any risk I would have told you what lay before you. I believe that you are to a great extent what you ought to be, as firmly & as well as I know that I am not, and so perhaps I should never have spoken to you about it. I don't think that you'll ever enter the Ministry from any other but the best motives, and I do not believe that these expressions will do you (I know they would me) any harm, however You know, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall, and I only thought that you ought to be very careful. For myself I can do nothing but one & that I shall do most heartily, which is to pray most earnestly that it may do you no harm. Enough of this my boy. I shant trouble you with it again. I went to the station twice yesterday (Friday) to meet you, by the 4 train & by the 8 and I can assure you that I was dreadfully disappointed at not seeing you. I so fully expected you, I cannot make out what is the matter, you surely have not been going out too much and got your leg bad again have you? Oh, Willie, Willie, you ought to be very very careful of that same poor leg of yours. Of course you won't pass Oakville without coming to see me if it be only for a few moments. ~~xxx~~

Since I wrote the last sheet I have as you know seen you on the train. I was going to write another entire letter and tear the old one up to pieces but second thoughts are proverbially the best and I fancied that it would be best to send it altho' there are a good many things in it that I would much rather have out of it, however, I send it because I wrote it shortly after getting your letter and therefore it will tell you that I really thought

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about it at the very time, and so I send it. I shall go down to Dundas on Friday by the evening train or if I can manage it by the midday train. I shall write on Thursday morning, after I get back to Oakville, a full true and particular account of the Concert, that is, of course, if you wish it, if you do not please tell me so in your answer which I shall of course get at the usual time namely next Monday or Tuesday. I scarcely know what more to say to you as there are very few things that I know of that you would be interested in, and besides it is not so very long since we have seen one another. You must in your letter tell me all about the school, how M^{rs} Miles is, how they all are, and most particularly how your poor leg is conducting itself. You must be very careful of it my boy or it may yet give you a very great deal of trouble. Do not walk on it more than you can help & make haste and get well. Ask Jones for me whether he intends to answer my last letter or if his two epistles were merely two spasmodic flashes such as you see in a Summer cloud which just shine for an instant and then disappear entirely. I got to Oakville all safely that night. But what with the disappointment of your not staying in Oakville with me and the consequent worry of it, and the journey in the train, by the time I had got home I was in a most dreadful state of headache and yet had to go to a dreadful party. It was a most dreadful infliction but I had to go, there was no help for it & so I grinned & bore it with a meanness & calmly patient resignation worthy a very much better cause. I think I shall take to doing as much work as ever & to going without my lunch just to spite you, for you ~~abraid~~ ^{abraid} me when I did these misdemeanors & when I tried to amend I did not receive a single word or syllable ever of encouragement and praise. There is not a Bairds Classical Manual in town but he will have them very soon and as soon as they are to be had I shall send you one. As to the notes I shall send you nothing that you can find in any of the best editions of Cicero, for these if you know all the rest of your work you will have time to learn when you come with me but I have sent you things of general importance such as you will not find in many text books in any subject. The school has got very large now, I have to get some more seats in it. M^r Fletcher has gone today to your fathers to the Missionary Meeting & will return on Thursday (this part of the letter is written on Tuesday). You little scamp how can you have dared to forget my overshoes? Going out in the snow without them has given me a cold for the concert. Remember me to all of them most kindly

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Yours now & for ever

your best friend

Jemmy.