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(C. H. Morgan to William Osler)

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My darling boy

I got your letter last night just as I was going to Evening Service and I am ashamed to say that I was so impatient and in so very great a hurry to read it that I was not content to wait until I got home but I actually went behind the organ and read it before service commenced. I can't tell you how delighted I was to receive it. Your old Jemmy was not vexed at all he was only hurt that his friend Willie was so thoughtless as to suppose that he desired any excuse to get out of writing to him, or that he would not have written to him had it been possible to have done so. You are not selfish; among your faults (and don't flatter yourself that they are either few or far between) selfishness has no place. I could not be to you what I am if it had. The reason why you wrote to me as you did was mere thoughtlessness and if even I had been very put out the way in which you acknowledge it would completely have disarmed me. No my own dear Willie nothing that you could do to me would ever make me seriously angry with you and if even I were you unfortunately know too well how very soon you could make me give it all up. Soit ce qu'il soit, I was not at all angry I was only hurt and that is all gone and was so long before you ever wrote to me about it. I knew that it was thoughtlessness that was the matter and nothing else. So your holidays commence on Thursday the 11 do they. Mine are not till the 16th. Now I'll tell you just what you must do. Come down either on the Thursday or Friday. I will be at the station to meet you if it be by the afternoon or early morning train and then you can come with me and stay with me until I go down on the Tuesday following. That will be only three or four days in Oakville with me and then we can go on to Dundas together. This will be an admirable arrangement for Ned will be at home from College and I shall be in the midst of written Examinations so that I shall have no classes but will be able to talk to you both for as long as you choose to stay with me in the school, and as I do not intend to examine the papers until I go to Dundas with you there will be no reason why the three of us cannot thoroughly enjoy ourselves as well as the place will admit of. I will make Ned come up to the Parsonage and stay with me at least part of the time & with his brothers we can try and enjoy ourselves to the best of our ability. If you can't stay all the while till the 16th at least you must stay a day & then I'll let you go on. I am, I forgot, still angry with you (I made a great mistake I was very angry) for writing that last letter to me and the only way in which you can make any reparation at all will be to stay a day and the only suitable expiation would be to stay the whole time with me till the 16th; you'll have lots of time at home and I declare if you don't stay at least one day with me I'll not budge to Dundas. I perhaps don't mean this strictly literally but you know I'm orful when oncet roused.

What earthly use is there in my persistently taking lunch to school. I seldom have time to eat it, and if I had, the inclination is wanting, the mice eat it and it gives McFletcher trouble; cui bono? To return to the charge however Ned wants you to stay in Oakville on your way through, and as you have failed me so very often in this very matter you must not

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err again. I have in hand the construction of a very pretty little aquarium and if it be not so expensive as to make me relinquish the idea I hope to have it made tho without any fish in it by the time you pass through here on your way home. I am glad that you have at last decided not to put such dreadful things in your letters in future. It was really dreadful and it is very kind of you giving it up because I expressed a dislike. ~~Do you know it is almost the only thing that I can say that I did not like in your epistles or in you. Well I won't say any more about it. I am very glad to see that you are getting better and still more that you write so very hopefully. It's a good sign. Stick to your work, my boy, look above always in happiness & sorrow, in sickness & in health & my word (no not mine, you know whose) for it all will come out in the end for the best. If ever I am not able to go to Trinity I shall be near you & we can see one another very often. I shall try & go however of that you may be quite sure. By the way Ned complains of your not writing to him & says that you are so very near that he supposes that is the reason. Now this is no reason at all, certainly not a good one and if you are well enough and have time you ought to write at least occasionally to him for he is a splendid fellow and quite worth the trouble and the time. Many thanks for your kind wishes for Papa, he is indeed doing famously and will I hope be a different man with regard to health when he recovers. I am sorry that Mr. Emberson is going to leave you for Jones I fancy wont get on very well with you boys. If Mr. Emberson though allowed you to go on in the chacun à son goût way that you say, perhaps it is a very good thing that he has gone though he does appear to have been a very decent and respectable little man. Some day I have something that I'll shew you. No one but "Seh' Jane" has seen it and she saw it by accident so I always now allow her to see it. It is a book in the which I write prose & poetry just as they come into my head. I take no pains at all to compose but simply jot down ideas just as they come flocking into my head. I have just sent Charlie away. He came on Saturday night and went away yesterday (Monday) morning. I wanted him to stay longer but he said that he could not possibly do it. I am glad that your boils & other inconveniences did not turn out worse than they did. I hope that the holiday will quite improve you and make you well enough. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to being with you then though I shall I am afraid have some examination papers to look over. Charlie was very disappointed at not seeing you. The poor little monkey said that that was the only thing now wanting to make him quite happy. Frank Checkley is going to be a lawyer. Write soon to me and mind (you?) stay with me on your way down~~

God bless you my own dear boy

Y^r Very best friend

C. H. Morg. Jenny.