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My dear Willie

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Your note was welcomed this morning and gave us all a pleasant few minutes after breakfast while we chatted about the dear old "Willie," Edward is with us he came quite unexpectedly on Friday evening and had dined with Chattie that day--he says he must be back by the 15th. but that I think is not likely, he looks well and this little bit of home-life will be good for him for I'm sure he often feels very desolate.

It is a good while since we heard direct from Frank or Belle, Annie had a letter a week or two since and they talk of being down at Xmas they could not winter in their little cottage and would find Hotel life rather too much for a long winter, I dare say we shall hear soon what their plans may be. Edmund looked in on his way home and told us he had seen you. I shall be so glad if you can benefit him professionally, he has been so out of sorts lately and worried with that irritation of the skin. The Stewarts of Montreal are at Craighleigh just now Annie called with her Mrs. S. yesterday. We thought her a most delightful person. I dare say you know them, you are sure to have all Wilton Ave. news from head quarters, Ed was there last evening and found them all flourishing. Think of the Fletchers dropping in one day last week, it is years since we've seen them they are at Unionville in Markham and seem to be in town for a few days making a progress amongst old friends, they made kind enquiries about you. Another day we had old Mrs. Carter of Bond-Head come to see us and made us promise to go to see her at her daughters, Mrs. Platt on Jarvis St., so we prowl about here and there. Father gets out every day and we all think him better lately--he got a bottle of Friedrichschall at Jeffreys and fancied it very different, he is taking some very good aperent but when you come home at Xmas you might bring a bottle or two in case of need. We had ordered from Chattie some apples, she wanted to supply us but we insisted on getting them as a matter of business so when one barrel came, we wrote and asked her when we were to expect the others--it is some days since we heard from her and only when we had your note did we know that it was from you they came--very many thanks to you for them--they are splendid apples and Ed is enjoying one just now--our luxuries are supplied by one and another and when sent from those we love are doubly acceptable. God will recompense all deeds of love and kindness and I think especially those from children to their parents. How soon we shall have winter set in in earnest only a flurry of snow here as yet, today is gloomy and wet as any English November day can be. There has been so much of it lately bad for poor Carrie too--she is so much more of the invalid than she was I quite grieve to see her yet every now and then she brightens up and seems better. Alex seems to prosper in the bank had nearly a month of it now and I do hope it will be the right thing for him.

God bless you dear Willie, how glad we shall be to welcome you at Xmas and if Ed and Frank get down and all are spared it will be very delightful.

Ever your loving Mother  
Ellen Osler