From his mother May 18.98 83 Wellesley St. Toronto.
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My dear Willie
A line to congratulate you on the step up the Ladder of
Fame, I do not think it will exalt your pride or vain glory but it is certainly most gratifying to us all and must be especially so to you and Grace - Nellie was going to send a Tel but I did not like her going over late in the evening and said I would write but could not manage it somehow yesterday - Nellie went off to Preston and there was much flitting in and out of the room there is a great blank felt in the house now she has gone, but the hope that a week or ten days wrest will set her up (she is very much better) reconciles us to her absence Mrs Wsnsn.and Jennette will take care that I do not get into mischief, and there is Edwd. to fall back on in case af my getting unmanageable.

K ka W. F. generally sends all sorts of scraps to his Mother about your precious little lad and I get them through Jennette, most amusing some of them are, I am longing to see you all, and counting off the days as they pass till the 5 th or 6 th of June do come as soon after that as you can, but you must be very much rushed here and there and sorely need a sea voyage to rest you. I know you have to go to Egnland and nothing will be bet ier for you - there were disappointments when you did not come on from Buffalo and I know that as usual you will not get much rest in Toronto.

There were heavy $T$ Storms last night and this morning followed by heavy fog and such misty heavy weather to-day that it is impossible to be brighter than the weather in either body or mind - but all the samermy heart goes out towards you all, dear Grace I'm sure feels low about this horrid war. When will peace flow like a river into all our hearts "The Peace and goodwill to men" -

Ever dear Willie,
Your loving Mother,
E. OSIER .

Ed keeps better and will find his amusement soon in the garden.


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