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My dear Willie

We were glad to hear of your welfare this morning through your note to Nellie I only wish you were near enough to run in and let us look at you once in a few days and yet considering that you are so far off we should not complain yesterday we had a letter from Mrs. Procter whose son Henry is married and settled in Glasgow Lucy had gone down to bid a little grandson and nephew welcome, she complains of the dreadful long R. R. journey of 17 hours!!

Kind messages were sent to Benjamin as they always call you. Aunt Lizzie sends kindly greetings she had been very poorly but was improving. BB brings satisfactory reports of Carrie she seems to get over the rheumatic attacks quicker than she used and is not so long regaining strength after them. Chattie had written you so you would know that they were all better one of the Whateley girls was taken home from the telephone office on Saturday with diptheria had they taken her to the hospital the others could have kept in the office but now all have to remain at home of course they had to send to Staplehurst for house supplies at once. I wonder how they manage to keep their heads above water with two such families to keep up C told me one day that Hattie had sent in a bill of \$40 just for boots and shoes but Charlie is very tenacious and does not like any allusion made to these matters.

Brick is off tomorrow or Friday to B. C. with a party on some Govt. case--this is preliminary to a second trip in the summer, he will be absent now about 18 days--they go in style having a Pairllion Car with beds (not bunks) expressly for 3 or 4 of the number. Jennette was here on Friday Marian and the three youngest on Sunday. We have such sudden changes in the weather intensely cold then mild as spring in less than 24 hours. No wonder the Drs. are in request every where but I think all the familiar juveniles are well save Master C. B. who has aslight cold. Father has wisely kept in-doors when the days have been cold--he walked as far as Yonge today.

God love and keep you dear Willie

Ever your loving Mother
 E. Osler

Late '80's
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Possibly the want in the trip