cus417/61.3 -1028/61/3 (To W.O. from Edward Milburn) From Edw. J. Milburn Trin Coll. Nov 27 66 Dear Willie. I am very sorry to hear that you are so ill, I never heard anything about it till just now, when Johnson in the coolest manner possible tells me that you are seriously ill, I don't know whether to believe him or not but I think I must for this very likely will account for your not writing to me. I do hope and trust however that it will not be very serious. I hear that you are going to Oakville as soon as your School breaks up. Wont we have a glorious time? I did wish, and fully intended to ask you to come and stay with me a short time at Xmas but Jimmie has anticipated me; any way it will be all right for I dont intend him to monopolise you altogether although he says he will, we'll see about that. I can promise you plenty of good shooting, for there are lots of

Quail, partridges and rabbits to be found; but this is not half, there are a great many other things to be considered. I dont think we will have an examination this Xmas and so I will be able to get away sooner I only hope you won't be gone before I get home. I am getting on very well, altho' I am not working as hard as I ought to. I find it very hard on account of the rows that take place nearly every night, as soon as the fellows get thro' their lectures they adjourn to some of the second year men's rooms and after drinking, Singing and smoking, proceed to the doors of the Chapel and there have a regular hoe-down, I hardly approve of the place they have chosen, for I do not think it quite right. They will be pretty well quieted down by the end of next term because the June exam, will then soom be coming on and they will have to work hard. I hope you will take a Scholarship when you come up, I am sure you will if you work hard and steadily. Jemmie is very sick I dont know what it is, but I suppose fever and ague as usual. I wont ask you to write to me, not that I wouldn't be overjoyed to hear from you, but because it might give you a great deal of trouble and keep you from getting better sooner. Dont dare to leave Oakville without my Seeing you.

Believe me dear Willie

ever your most affect

friend Ned.