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My very dear Willie

My scrap of a note enclosed in Papa's to Mr. Johnson crossed your last which thing is always a matter of provocation in the way of letterwriting though not of great consequence in this instance.

I fancy the first thing you wish to know is about the Music and after all the Pros and Cons we have decided that you may take the first quarter as a trial, you will then see whether you have really time enough for it or like it enough to persevere through the up-hill work which you may expect to find it for a time. Will you have any opportunity of practicing or be dependent on the weekly lessons of an hour? If so you must not expect to make very rapid progress. By this time I dare say you are in good working order in the school routine and are going on steadily with your studies able to rise early without great effort and doing whatsoever your hand findeth to do heartily as unto the Lord I should rejoice to hope; and do not forget the good old Mr. Hainsel's advice which also is the God inspired advice of the wisest Man, none go wrong who follow it in case you should have allowed it to slip your memory I may as well write it-- "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

There have been two grand Concerts this week one at Ancaster on Tuesday evening to assist in raising funds for the New Chancel, the other at Flambro to help get an Organ--both were very successful, that at Ancaster was stylish beyond anything before in Ancaster and a splendid supper was much patronized after Papa drove Mrs. Bab. and the girls up there and took me to Flambro last night so we have had enough of Music for the time. Dundas still looks pretty much as dull as ever. Crosslands are moving to Port Dover to carry on the Woolen Mill there while Brown remains here with Mr. Pitts who is carrying on this establishment he is going to live in Crosslands house. I've heard that Nanny Atkins is engaged to Dick Hatt, and I believe that one of the Milnes and Mr. Whitcomb are to be married next week, this is all my stock of news which thing I am not a good hand at gathering generally or distributing particularly.

Papa I dare say will be at Weston next week and then will give you the V for the quarters music if it is still your mind to learn. Ellen and Charlotte unite with me in best love.

Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler

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