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My dear Willie

You thought rightly when you surmised that I was too busy to write since you left home, but now this Monday morning before I begin anything in the way of household duties I must begin, and try to finish a short letter to my Weston Boy. I shall leave E M and Charlotte who I believe are both writing to enter into all the detail of home news so between the three you will have enough to do to read for the one day.

Our English relatives are now quite at home with us and so far are pleased with Canada, and not I think displeased with their Canadian Cousins. Of course Brick is their standard of perfection. Edmund came up late on Saturday night or rather it was 1 o'clock on Sunday morning. Turner went in to Hamilton to fetch him and the train was very late he was off again early this morning he goes to Montreal Quebec and Kingston to wind up the affairs of this unfortunate N.C. Bank. I hope the shareholders will not eventually lose by it but Papa has to take \$200 (his Deposit at the Bank) all in cent pieces! So look out when you require pocket money for a roll of coppers. When Papa came from the ~~Isle~~ <sup>Synod</sup> he brought Mary with him, and on the Tuesday arrived all in that pouring rain. There was plenty of chatting and fun going on with the six girls who all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. They went down to Brookes and had their likenesses taken in a group.

Carrie is in Toronto with Hennie who we think will be up some time this week, so by degrees these young people will see all their C. Cousins. The Lachies here are going to get up a Bazaar for the purpose of painting and fencing the Church this work in addition to all else I have to do will be sufficient reason for my not writing to you very often, but I dare say between us all you will not be neglected certainly you will not be forgotten.

By this time I suppose you are in with so many boys you must have some one to assist you in the duties of Prefect or else you'll find it an arduous task. Tell Mr. Johnson I regretted very much that I had not the pleasure of seeing her during the vacation, but hope if all are spared till another summer to see her for a longer visit to make up for it.

I am glad that Frank wrote to you. B.B saw him in Boston and thought him much improved. We are all sorry he has not gone to sea again and Papa is sending him a letter today advising him to go instead of getting unsettled again as he would to sure to do and now I must say good-bye with best love and constant prayers for your well being and doing I am ever dear Willie

Your loving Mother  
Ellen Osler

Brick - B. B. O.