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From his mother.

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My very dear Willie,

It is a great pleasure to get your letters - one came yesterday by the Ship that Edmund came by I suppose, though as yet we have no news of his arrival in Toronto - Now that you'll be settling to work I suspect we are not to look for letters so frequently but they'll be welcome when they come and do not be afraid of writing too much at a time, we won't complain - You'll miss Edmund, he won the hearts of friends in Cornwall, Aunt Lizzie was grieved that he did not return there and she is hoping to see you before long, may be you'll go down at Xmas but it is a long distance and an expensive journey, you'll know best if the funds will allow of it.

I think you have done well; in the way of moving about, since you have been in the old Land. I could follow you from place to place in the home excursions with Ewd and can fancy you finding the Thames more inviting to look at in the country than as seen between the Bridges of the great city notwithstanding which it is a fine old river - has depth if not width and wealth if not beauty. <xx

Chattie wrote to you last week so did not I - there is but little going on now-a-days at the Rectory. Last week the Cricket Match in Hamilton was the occasion of spoiling many a ladies toilette, Carrie took in G. R. and Chattie, they only fared as the rest, there was no escape from the rain for anyone, Charlie went in for Rifle Practice and took Ernest with him - it was the Dundas Pacific holiday (Eliza called it) so there was nothing going on here but a meek game of Baseball, all went to Hamilton to get wet. Jennette was to leave Lloyd Town yesterday for Fergus - Edward meeting her at Arthur - after staying there a fortnight she will turn towards home and we shall not be sorry to see her back. Chattie and Charlie were at Fergus on Sunday they report all well up there, your letter to M. will come in all right this week for Jennette's benefit too. They had their Harvest Home at Lloyd Town last Thursday (the wet day) that and next day's Social made 70 dollars - besides which the Ch. Wardens gave Uncle Henry \$40 - to defray the expenses of a little Trip - he has not been at all well lately and this may set him up. I think he means to go to Montreal for a day or two, at Amherst Island with Mr Cartwright, then on here to us, but we have heard only through Gertrude to Ernest, he is to leave next Monday.

The Williamsons are renting the Thornhill house till the squabbles get settled, their goods are on the way to the Station and Papa is going up to see them packed in the Car, the Sale is to take place on Friday and they will leave by the 1st of Oct. when all the fruit is in: Nellie comes to us on Saturday till they get a little settled, Budd is talking away now at a great rate, strings his words in long sentences and is most amusing. Georgie and Amy are over at Staplehurst and flit backwards and forwards to the Rectory keeping us from rust, but indeed at times it is desolate - last week Papa was away a couple of days at Guelph and Fergus. I was quite alone most of the time. Eliza has left - and

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Wm is helping them at Ancaster so fancy the small family we are.

Yr Father will write to Tecumseth and get your Certificate of Baptism ready to send by next mail.

There are often kind enquiries for you by one and another and many good wishes. All unite in love and a large portion comes from

Your loving Mother,

ELLEN OSLER.

I think Frank has decided to remain up in the North, a Farm on the Banks of the White Hind River is the place he has in view and if Mr Stannton thinks it all right Papa means to give him the \$200 to secure it.

Have you seen Frank Darling or F. Robertson yet?

Please forward Aunt Lizzie's letter.

Autumn has come - rain, chill mornings, and cold nights. Flowers departing - swarms of Potato Bugs, they crawl even into the hall.

*And there follows much family news from the Rectors, from Lloydlain, from Thornhill and Staplehurst.*