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My dear Willie

You will like to hear how we are all progressing after the heavy tide of the last few weeks. Ethel has had no draw back and is I think wonderfully strong, she was to have gone into our room today for a change but the strong east wind is against it and she has to wait a finer day yesterday she sat up over two hours and her appetite is good and except occasional bursts of grief her spirits much lighter than could be expected. Mrs. Wyld is in town again having been sent for to her father who more than a fortnight since fell down the cellar stairs and badly hurt his head. I should fear for his recovery though Dr. Strange says "he is going on all right Mrs Wyld, when I see cause for alarm I will tell you." Isabel's letter this week was dated Mar. 23 she had not then heard the sad tidings poor girl. BB and Carrie are likely to go over the water in July and may go on to Germany. I wish it could be arranged for M to go with them and be left there at school but that is in the future and has not yet been spoken of. Nellie is over at Avenue St. for a few days she is very tardy in recovery--no appetite and very dispirited. Fannie Osler is here and either Amy or Clara come over every day to sit with Ethel, when she is well enough she is to go over to them for a time. Everything was arranged for Jack Boswell to take Ernest's situation in Hamilton and they were on their way up from Montreal when he had a letter from his Uncle at Coburg begging him to return to his old position at the Mills there, the Hamilton people kindly gave him up, and their plans were all changed--tomorrow they go to Coburg. M F and family talk of going to their Island home early in May it will save a matter of \$40--which is a consideration but I do not think the Island life then can be very enjoyable. Gwyn has been very poorly for some time. Poor little Willee was highly indignant at your Apl. 1st. postal, but BB traced out some invisible sentences much to the lads satisfaction and you were forgiven the insult.

We shall be counting the days now till we see you--stay as long as possible when you come.

Father keeps as usual I think he will have to be in Dundas at Easter so if you can arrange to be there too it will add much to the pleasure of Staplehurst. Chattie surprised us by coming down on Saturday evening and remaining till last night the two days were fine and she returned quite refreshed.

With much love

Ever your affectionate Mother
Ellen Osler