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*Joseph that
was with your
WVS*

My dear Willie

Now that the month is in its teens we begin to think of your being with us when it becomes of age and rejoice accordingly. Isabel tells us that Edmund is going to take her and Annie to New York soon and I'm afraid it will be just about the time you are likely to be at home much to Isabel's disgust when she thought of it. We have had a few fine days but the air very keen and too strong winds to be pleasant for going out. Father looks well and keeps much as usual in health, but becomes more feeble as days pass on, he will be glad to see you once again and would like you to bring up just a few seeds, for as long as he is able to move about the garden will keep up its attractions for him. Mae has been enjoying her Easter vacation and friends here and there have been enlisting her talent at this and that Concert, all think her wonderfully improved and she looks so well. Jennette commonly gives us one of her evenings each week but they have been too busy while May was home, she returns either today or tomorrow to school. I have not heard from Chattie for some days, she has her hands and house full and cannot always find the time to write. Miss Smithett has gone back to remain I think till mid-summer in the school-room she is all that can be wished but is not so pleasant as an inmate of the house. Carrie was so pleased to have a letter from you--she has felt the changes in the weather very much but is still hoping to be all right when warm weather sets in. BB said he thought she would be home about the middle of May, she must have been there over eight months and bears all so patiently, perhaps the change home may do her good, and yet to me there seems little chance of much improvement any where for her I don't think I sent you any vote of thanks for the Easter cards which were so sweet a remembrance. I was very mean and sent none any where, it was an extra busy time with Nellie and I could not get out myself to look up any so the time slipped by till too late. I had lovely plants and cut flowers from one and another which brightened up the room. BB dined with us on Easter day. Hal was not down he does not find time always to get down on Saty. evening and loses time on Monday morning--he has about as much work on hand as he can manage. You will be glad to see that Penn gets an additional \$1000 to his income.

You will try to see Miss Pattison and bring the last tidings of her to her anxious Aunt.

Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler

*He divided his Easter week between Toronto and Montreal where a cousin
was to be married and while there took the trouble to go out to Perth on a Sunday
to make a post mortem examination on an old friend ^{a physician} on whom everyone had
made a wrong diagnosis and found to his amazement a tumor at the base of
the brain which he subsequently reported*

*"A Case of Cholesteatoma" Jour. of Nervous & Mental
Diseases 1887 XIV 657-673*