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My dear Willie

Very many thanks for your golden note read on Saturday--more welcome to us than a nugget of Californian gold would have been. We had a very peaceful Jubilee day the family dropped in by twos and threes to offer kindly greetings to the two very much married people and there were some little golden gifts in the shape of flowers, and a jar of ginger found its way to the after dinner table, to the satisfaction of some of the juveniles. Hal and the two boys were at dinner, Clara, Fenn, Marian here afternoon callers, Grant, Beatrice the two small boys at tea, Annie and the little girls after morning ch. and Edmd. Annie, Jennette and Gordon at supper; BB has been from home for some days but is expected back tomorrow; Carrie is miserably poorly she has not been out since Xmas day. Chattie sent me half a dozen very pretty tidies from you for which many thanks. I am going to send two of them to adorn the backs of two chairs at York Mills Parsonage. I know you won't object as the remaining four are an abundant supply for me. Mr. Babington has gone up to Branford to live with Amy Weir, it was suggested to him some time since but he so disliked the idea of a change and was too nervous to say anything about it to his landlady but now she made the request that he would leave, and then he wrote to Amy she came down to make final arrangements and help him move he will be far more comfortable with them but I am not so sure that it will add to their comfort his being with them--however it will be a little in-coming cash to help Amy in her straitened circumstances.

Did any one tell you about Emma Dash? She is likely to be married next May--old Dr. Senran who attends Mr. Wickes so admired her kind attentions to her Uncle in his illness that he has made her an offer--his wife was an invalid for years and died last spring so he waits the year before taking his second--his wife's cousin lived with them and on her he has settled £100 per annum, he has no family or outside relatives so all he has will be Emmas £15000--he has almost retired from his profession for though not as old as Uncle Wickes (80) he must be past 70--he is a good man and has been always much liked and E is just the one to be petted as the old man's darling. What an event it will be for them all--Aunt Lizzie will be in her element. She was not at all well about Xmas but seems to have roused up again, and says she cannot understand feeling old. She wrote dolefully about George whose way of living is by no means satisfactory though not married, he has a family to maintain and is ever drawing on his mothers limited resources, wants in fact to take it all out of her hands, she mother-like bears with him she will never sit at table with him so fancy the discomfort of the house.

Father seems very well all think he looks "much better" than he did but I see the gradual decrease of muscular power but I have the promise of daily strength for daily need and am comforted in seeing him so patient under all and his comparative freedom from pain. Am glad you wrote to Alec and to Nellie + know she feels badly at times about Alec and he is trying now and then if the bank fails him, or he leaves the bank I cannot see what else he is fitted for--he wants to make money fast and is for ever counting up his gains etc.

Your loving Mother  
Ellen Osler