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My dear Willie

We are quite elated to think you will be with us at Easter, though only three months it seems ages since you were at home, the winter has been long and such a continuance of ice on the streets I never remember few have escaped falls more or less severe, Father has managed to get out generally every day, at times his ankles are too weak, then he prowls up and down the verandah. My cold has not been a bad one but between that and the cold weather and icy streets I have kept pretty much a prisoner lately and shall be glad when the promised milder weather sets in. You know that Carrie has gone down to Dansville to try the baths and general treatment of the Sanitoruim there. Hennie is with her, it would be a week before they could see how it suited, if she seems better Hennie will return and one of the girls go down to remain the rest of the time she is there. Marian soon got over her attack of illness, for a day or two I felt quite uneasy, Nellie sat up with her one night when at her worst and the second day after she surprised us all by coming in one evening to supper looking not much the worse, a little thinner perhaps in face, they all have the faculty of rapid recovery. Two or perhaps three of Chattie's boys are coming down for their Easter holidays. Alec will go to Deer Park for the two or three days the bank gives then your room will be ready for occupation, so mind we claim you, it is more like being at home when you are with us at breakfast.

I do hope Annie Walker will return home better than she has been all the winter she has not been well for some time and no wonder when there was so much water in the cellar of their house as to put out the furnace fires. I wish they would move from that part of the town.

I wonder have you written to Aunt Lizzie lately it would be very gratifying to her to get a scrap from you, hers is rather a lonely life. Some of her closest friends have gone to live in London and she misses them, Aunt Mary keeps well and is very bright. Emmas engagement is not much talked about, I fancy her mother does not much approve of it, nor does Mr. Wickes like the idea of losing her. His son with wife and family of seven children will not be welcome inmates at Elm Cottage.

Mrs. Wyld was sent for a fortnight since thinking that old Mr. Marson dangerously ill, but he is quite well again, and the day Mrs. W. meant to return home she had a fall that shook her up, and then rubbed a small pimple in or near her ear and Erysipilis shewed itself so there she had to remain in bed and though better is not fit to return yet.

I am now going up to see her. All unite in much love

Everydear Willie your affect. Mother
E. Osler

Father is longing for the seeds--the lock of the papers and the handling of them will do him good.