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My dear Chattie

It was such a joy to get your penciled note yesterday, telling us of the safe arrival of the dear little girl. Thank God for all His past mercies to you and yours, we will trust Him for the future--however good the nurse may be you will have to exercise patience and prudence if you go on ever so we,--mind that. I was wondering how I could let the interested members of the family know of the event. Fenn came in the evening to tell us that Hennie was going tomorrow to Quebec to meet Georgie so he took the news, Marians work-girl called with a pattern and was to go to the Island this morning so they are in possession of the news and quite late Annie and Edmd. walked down--of course they were very glad to hear it and I hope Charlie will have it on the paper, for the benefit of all others whom it may concern, such a delight for you to have a girl after those three boys. I'm sure you'll all have much pleasure in the nursery this summer--it is of no use for me to say how I should like to be with you and share the pleasure there are "duties and duties" but none "conflicting" I would so like Nellie to have gone up this week to congratulate you and welcome the little lady but it does not appear practicable. Mary has gone! I told her it was not the thing after living here so long to go till we had another girl and that I would have liked her to remain two or three days that Nellie could have gone up to see you but she was off as soon as she had finished the ironing. Nellie has gone this morning to answer an advertisement that appeared in last night's paper--we may not be long without though so far no one has come from either of the registry offices we applied to and we have also advertised. We have M. F's gas affair for boiling a kettle and have a joint of beef cooking with cold corn for breakfasts so there is no pressure just now. Alec being away makes a difference too in some measure.

Willie may be up on the 15th. as a witness in some special case going on in Toronto. Edmd. goes on Monday to Montreal and on to Winnipeg to be away over a fortnight. Annie has asked Ruth and Percy to be with her part of the time and I hope they'll go it will be good for Ruth and the Baby and do Percy no harm.

With an eye to future requirements I got the pattern of a Baby hood which must be forthcoming when needed in other material than paper.

You will send us a daily card I hope but do not exert yourself to write till quite able to do so.

I had a long afternoon at gardening yesterday putting in the plants we brought from Annies. Thrice I had to come in to visitors which means washing of hands taking off rubbers etc. but it was such a good time to get them in that I did not like keeping them out of the ground they look very well and I hope will shew themselves to advantage when the "beloved physician" sees them. I go my round this afternoon I think to pay the monthly bills and then on to see Carrie she seems to keep much the same since her return many degrees better than when she left home. Nellie is going to add a scrap and I must wish you good-bye.

Love to all your belongings
Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler