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My very dear Willie

My letters are few and far between but I know the W. Avenue chickens keep you posted up in Toronto items of interest, though no one has to record the excitement of such a storm as you and New York indulged in last week Toronto was greatly favoured while so many other places and people suffered severely. We could not help thinking of BB starting on his long journey at such a time--he returned yesterday all right they had a few hours detention at first but made up the time on the prairies at Vancouver they had English weather--mild and misty all the spring flowers--violets, crocuses, etc. in bloom out doors. Altogether the party had a pleasant teip, only preliminary to a longer time up there in the summer.

Annie went to see Carrie a week since and brought us a favourable report of her as to look and general health, but from the knees downward she is helpless, to stand is impossible, and yet she has the hope of recovery before very long. May was talked of as the time she might return home, how she is to bear the change from the daily and hourly treatment she now has is difficult to imagine; Sunday when the air bath is omitted she feels very weak and miserable. BB says she had an attack of rheumatism the end of last week and was not so well for a few days as she was when Annie was there. We generally see M and J with some of the chicks once in the week Sunday was Nellie's and B. D. and one and another kept dropping in with their good wishes. J and Beatrice are to come Friday after. and stay till Sunday the little 4 year old was proud of her candle cake from Uncle Willie. Annie goes to Port Hope on Saturday to be with Gordon on Sunday, the day of his confirmation, Herbert is to be confirmed on Thursday. I do hope these two boys may be helped to carry out their boy-wishes and be fitted for a life of God's work in God's House--they are two fine lads and I think mean to do right.

Father has just been pacing the verandah--he does not go out as much as he used. I can see his powers still failing more and more--but he bears all so patiently. There are many asking if you will be up at Easter. You will write and tell us when you can come though I know you said it would not be for Easter proper.

Hal was with us on Sunday, he goes over to see Chattie next Sunday. They all seem to be well at Staplehurst now though Charlie still feels his legs weak. Baby flourished and is good as ever.

Now the table has to be cleared for tea and Alec will be impatient if the meal is delayed.

Our united best love

Ever dear Willie
Your loving Mother
Ellen Osler