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My dear Chattie

We were very glad to get a glimpse of Charley on Monday evening I was afraid he took a sudden cold and shall be glad to hear that he did not take one home with him, a sort of cold that every one finds so hard to shake off. Nellie's has held on to her so long and mine just as I feel better and cease coughing perhaps a whole day back it comes without the slightest provocation. I've only done a couple of hours gardening and the plants are crying out for their spring attentions. Thanks for your two scraps and for elaborately signed document of the children--the precious B. D.--her first life trouble I hope is well over she asserted herself more than might have been expected from her natural amiability no doubt she meant all she expressed and felt she was injured. Nellie has gone to enquire for Grant who I am afraid is seriously ill bad typhoid I fancy, but Dr. G. says he never saw it develope with those singular brain symptoms he is in communication with Willie about him--the two measles patients at the Island are quite well again. M comes over and attends to Grant most of the day, comes over here to lunch, and Percy takes charge of him in the evening--his diet is 2 quarts of milk in the 24 hours, he is very patient and considerate about giving any one trouble.

Jennette is to be over here this evening and stay the night. About Father's photo for the vestry--any time that you, or perhaps Charlie, could go into Ekersons you might get him to enlarge it (he has the negative) and set it in an inexpensive frame, (when I say inexpensive I do not mean shabby or mean) and send the bill to 83 Wellesley St. this would be the easiest way of getting it done. Amy's little dress still lingers, she hopes to have it for Nellie to take up on Saturday she says unless Grant is better she will not be able to go. J could not be here and I suppose Nellie would not like to leave us to our own devices--not very safe is it to leave two children alone?

Stoves are being taken down this morning but housecleaning is all behind hand--every day seems to be filled up with its own affairs, I've struggled through a cupboard or two and some drawers, that is all.

Send me as soon as you can the length of Trevor's night shirt, and of the sleeve, they may be some time on hand but I'm ready to get them cut out, will 3 do?

Honesty plants are in full flower and moon flower seeds are coming up. Are yours? How lovely the apple trees must look in fact this is the time that "all green things" seem in full chorus of praise, and sweet are their voices. Georgie and Sophie were here yesterday both looking well I thought they wanted Brefney to come, but he declined because he had so much to do in his garden. G is loud in praise of her Godson as a S. S. teacher. Gordon was up just for the holiday last week--he has lost all trace of home-sickness and enjoys school life. The holidays are very near. You will not be sorry I know for some reasons and the children will all be rejoicing in their liberty. I do not gather that Grant is better though Nellie says in some little way he seems so, the Dr. is to be there a second time today, and will see whether he should have a nurse, as Marian cannot be there all the time, it would relieve P and R of a great responsibility. A letter from Willie this morning he says it looked something like a brain-tumour, a case most serious or it may be some spinal trouble. Graham is the best med. for him so that is well so far. G wrote to him last night.

Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler