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My dear Willie

We are like school children counting the days to the holidays with-
in a week we hope you will be with us. Edward came down on Tuesday, he
has had five or six weeks of illness and the change home will be the
very thing to benefit him he has I should think enlargement of the liver,
a tendency to faundice--but the trip down by boat and even these two
days since he came I see a difference in his appearance. Ethel arrived
on Saturday evening and there is great joy between the trio, Isabel is
for a while at Isabella St. with Ethel, the others from Craighleigh have
gone up to the Lake she will follow later on. Hennie and household go
to the Island today. Carrie seems really better and is looking forward
to walking again before BB returns home. He was at San Francisco when
she last heard from him. You heard I suppose that Hal has gone with
the Nesbitt party to Alaska for his holiday trip, they heard from him
at Ports Arthur where they were detained two days. I do not know how
long he will be away but the steamer only remains one day at Siska then
turns round for her homeward trip. The school boys and girls in the fam-
ily all seem to have done fairly well and are rejoicing in their holi-
days. Beatrice O, Amo, and Amy have gone to Stratford to spend a fort-
night with Mrs. Trew, Britton is at Dundas, Gordon returns on the 11th.
and then C's boys will be down one at a time being up at Lake Simcoe
with him. Trevor and perhaps one of the others here and some at the
Island, all bent on full enjoyment of whatever turns up.

Those few extra hot days we had were very trying for Father but
since then he is as usual, a thorough sponge bath of a morning seems to
do him much good. May looks very well and has recovered her spirits,
she like her Mother is light-hearted but they miss Grant much. J looks
very thin it was almost a harder trial to her than to M she was always
so very fond of him.

We all send our best love to you and looking forward with so much
pleasure to seeing you very soon

I am dear Willie
Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler