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~~His mother writes as usual counting the days for his return.~~
By the end of June his mother begins to count the days ~~left~~
show impatience for

83 Wellesley St. Toronto
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My dear Willie

The heat, the housecleaning, the 101 little every day matters have kept me from writing to you for days past--you have heard from others of the fatal termination of poor Grant's illness--they wrote to George telling him how ill he was and yesterday Edmd. had a cablegram asking how he was--the sad answer back would greatly distress him for I think he was fond of all his children more especially of the two elder. May returned on Sunday or Monday and has been at the Island all the week. Jennette is with us except that she goes to Maitland St. to sleep while Percy and Ruth are up at Beechcroft, the fortnights change up there is the very thing for them after that sore time passed while Grant was so ill.

Chattie, Rachel and the sweet Baby came by the morning train and I had to lay aside any scribble and now a 9 p. m. am trying to finish it, J and M have gone over to see Carrie. C told me yesterday she had written to you so no doubt has told you about herself and the hope she has that this new treatment is going to cure her, certainly she is better than she was.

I think you knew Mrs. Ford and that he has been ill for some time. The day before yesterday he passed away from earth to enter into that Rest which remaineth, he bore his intense sufferings so patiently, even cheerfully, and now is freed from all and rests in full assurance of a glorious resurrection to eternal life--so many are called away and we two elderlies are still left. Aunt Lizzie writes that Aunt Mary is getting very feeble at 87 is it a wonder? Her memory is clear and good, long pieces and poems she learned when young she recites beautifully. Father feels the heat very much--it has been up in the eighties all this week a good sponge-bath seems to set him up for the former part of the day, he sleeps well but does not eat as much as I think he needs, nor does he move about with as much ease as he did a while ago. I dare not look beyond the present day or hour, but rest on Him who has said "As thy day is, so shall thy strength be" We are all counting off the days as they draw on to the 12th of next month or the 10th as some one said it was to be when we should see you home, you will need a long rest after all your hard work. Do not bring anything to do while you are off duty. I'm sorry BB will be away while you are here. Ethel was to sail from Bremen yesterday she has decided to reside with her Grandmother. Wyld for which we all feel sorry, though I do not think her living with Carrie would be just what would suit her, nor will it be all she can wish at Isabella St. especially after the novelty of home coming wears off.

We much enjoyed the three or four hours Chattie gave us today and she will be none the worse for the days run. Charlie is at camp and so is Alec--both filled with military ardour--greatly needed I should say to make the extra Niagara heat pleasant. Good-night

Ever yr. loving Mother
E. Osler

Annie Stuart (Barrie) was here one day to lunch gazed at yr. photo she would so like to see you all together once again.

have had some later she writes "we are like some children counting the days to your holidays - wish a week we began with you was" etc.
It seems to have remained with the
was a letter to see Dick Howard's who had been leaving leaving all
to some delay his 5 letters which appear in the News - July 14 - Aug 11

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