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My dear Willie

Thanks for your last letter recd. a week since. I am afraid that you have had this epidemic renewed by colds almost ever since you went back it lasts so long in most cases that are not cared for at its commencement. Nellie is only just visibly improving. Rachael has been invalided a full month only now picking up looks and losing her cough.

Chattie hopes to come on Thursday to take her home and by that time I hope she will be fit to go.

Gwendolyn was here at dinner yesterday looking thin and hollow-eyed and the little Bea is still fragile but they go off to school now and will soon get strong I hope.

Carrie does not improve as one could wish, I did not like to say much about her to Brick yesterday I know he must be disappointed after all the bright hopes held out.

Hennie is always sanguine but from all we gather from Amy and Clara I do not think there is any radical improvement, she has only been allowed to sit up an hour and half each day the week she has been home and now is ordered to remain in bed altogether for the next week she is very thin and is often depressed, she sees no one but Hennie and one or other of the girls. Edward left us last Wednesday and has probably encountered this snow storm on his way up which will cause delay--he enjoyed his visit home and was very happy with his girls and grand son--in June he hopes to be down again as business will bring him as far as Port Arthur it will not be much to run on from there by Boat.

All well we shall prize your Easter visit. I shall be writing to Aunt L. this week and give her the pleasure of looking forward to June for a short visit from you she writes as if slowly improving in health but this long illness has broken her health. Father sends kindest love he keeps much the same as when you were home, for a week or so he was very poorly, when the Dr. came to see Rachael I got him to see Father also, the lozenges he administered for the cough did good service.

Norman was down for a long time, Walker was trying electricity for his eyes and thought he had better see an oculist I sent him to Dr. Reeves and his treatment seems to have been of service he went home on Friday but will not resume book work for some time.

Love to Georgie kind regards to Mrs. Gros when you see her

Your loving Mother  
 Ellen Osler