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My dear Chattie

No card from you this morning--we may hope that all are progressing, Charlie is to be pitied for the head is the worst part to be affected next to the heart we shall hope our next news will give better accts. of all. Such numbers around us are more or less invalided. The Smith family have all had it except Lily Kew--Aunt Louie was only in bed for a day or two but has been more than a month very poorly. Marian we hear is well enough to be on the sofa they sent Jennie over yesterday J was not out for the day!! Fenn was at the Hall on Saty. and again today but ekpt in all yesterday, Hennie was here just now first time for more than a week she and Claral were in a coupé and after a little shopping in town were to call for Fenn to drive him home. BB and Hal were here as usual Yesterday, Glyn too was with us and your young man looked in late in the day. Emd. Annie and Gordon after Church. Norman is a little under the weather but not in doors--his lectures are over but you will not see him till Saturday and Herbert will be at Craighleigh for a few days when he leaves Trinnity. A letter today from Grace--they hope to be here on Friday about midday and will call at Dundas on their way they are sure to write or tel. to you. We shall try to keep them here or they may go to Annie for a day or two before they leave. What day do your girls break up? Shall we see them on their way home, try to arrange as I said and spend the latter part of their holiday in Toronto they are wanted at the Ave. and we want you. After W. and G. leave we could have a boy or two if you have them to spare. Tomorrow we will try to send off your mince-meat all but the apples ready mixed for them and a little wine or Bdy. Nellie was out today from 10.30 till 4 p. m. doing part of the Xmas shopping she could not get out in the weather the latter end last week and today is almost as bad that ice storm of Friday night will be remembered in Toronto for years to come--the papers do not exaggerate that night, fortunately the few people that had to be out escaped, had it happened in the day time many lives must have been lost the poor Bloor St. people lost their nights sleep it seems to have been sorse there than elsewhere. Hattie Vicars is still with us, I think she goes to the McKelcans after Xmas. Hers will be a lonely life but she has many friends and the means to live as comfortably as before her mother's death. Father keeps (for him) fairly well. I'm as well as the weather permits.

Will you tell me of any little thing I can get for Alice or for the three boys--Nellie has the Bible and the game for Campbell and many other things but not enough and nothing yet has been posted or appropriated so if I hear from you be Wednesday it will do. I expect Staplehurst will be flooded with waste paper and string on Xmas day. Allan is better--I think Arthur and Isabel will be with us for the Xmas midday meal--and W and G--the Ave. party go over to the Park not the family generally it would be too much for Carrie though she is so much better. BB sent the star to Anna Osler and to Mrs. Truran. Nellie sent one to Ethel.

I can no more except add much love to all.

Your loving Mother
E. Osler

Xmas love to all the Parish.