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From his mother

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My dear Willie

I can excuse you if you begin to think yourself in a small degree slighted for I ought to have written last week but could not manage it and we were for some days expecting a letter from you before it came. I am sorry to find you had such a bad cold but hope it will not wind up with another attack of Intermittent, we too all of us have or have had colds indeed who has not during this changeable weather. Charlotte has written you all the news of the day and the Paper told you how well the Ancastrians did at their Bazaar \$400 was more than any of us expected to make. We were all pretty well tired at the time; I went up the day before slept at the Woods, and was at the school house all the day slept again at the Woods and returned home next day. I bought a winter necktie for you which I will try to enclose in this letter but both Papa and I think it will be useless to send up a box as apples are scarcely to be had and Franke's expedition for nuts the other day was only productive of one quart so if Papa sends you up a dollar it must do instead and I dare say you could get a tooth brush and a packet of Slippery Elm (not Elem) bark at Barrie, nor can we find 'Horace' in the Study to send up. I am glad your clothes suit. Frank went down by Boat last week to Toronto and got a suit of clothes at Walkers and Felt hat; they make him look quite the young man; nothing yet has turned up for him to do, but all are looking out for him. x x x x

Hal is with us again and George is with Carrie, poor little Freddie is still living but growing weaker every day the Dr. thinks he cannot last much longer it will be a mercy when God is pleased to remove him.

The "letchers were here this week, Sarah Jane is still at the Kerns and is coming to us for a few days before she returns home. Edmund has his holiday he was with us for a day or two and has now gone duck-shooting. I hope he may have fine weather and be as successful as he was two years ago. Mr. Babington is now quite well again he has been to Belle Ewart lately but had no business to take him on to Barrie so so you missed the oyster supper this time. Papa is going to take this down town to get a dollar note and a stamp to enclose, if we can find the 'Horace' we will send it up by post next week.

Give my kind regards to Mrs. Checkley and love to Mrs. Stewart when you see her and wish my best love to you hoping that you are on terms of love and friendship with your books I am ever

Your affectionate Mother
Ellen Osler

Frank left his skates at Barrie. Mind you take care of them to bring home at Christmas.

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George. - probably the Judge's 1st daughter
Carrie and Hennie were sisters.
Belle Ewart - on Lake Simcoe about
12 miles from Holland Landing
an important place in
those days.
Other names are local characters