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My dear Willie

I am afraid that you have been on the look-out for a letter before this, but I have been so busy gardening lately that matters indoors were rather neglected. Jane has left us, and Mary Roberts who has taken the place is rather slow but otherways I think she will do; this gives me more to do and Papa having gone out to see you would answer the purpose of a letter, I was glad to hear through him that you were all right and going on well; the paper that wrapped your ties asked the question--Did you need new cotton socks? When you write next week tell me, that I may get them for you. It is likely I may be in Toronto before long when I shall either run out to see you or send to ask for you to spend a day in Town with us. I thought your likeness very good and am pleased to have it. Aunt Charlotte in England wishes to have one also. How many had you taken? The Holts have not left the house yet but BB and C are there some time every day gardening--there is to be a sale next week of the furniture after that I suppose BB will move in, it is a very pretty place and a fine show for fruit blossoms this year. The Greys have gone to Toronto to live--I fancy the Holts will move into that house which belongs to Miss Grey. This lovely spring weather is bringing everything beautifully forward in the garden I only wish you could see how nice everything looks--but I expect you would rather come in for the fruit season and will revel in the apples over at Britty's. Edward is going up soon for his Ex. which I sincerely trust he will pass this time it will be such a relief to us all, and he will rejoice I'm sure. I send you a note from Frank you will see that he has very foolishly been running in debt at Millville and has left the place to go to sea, he did not mention the name of the vessel but Papa has written to Joe Wright asking him to make enquiries and let us know; we had just sent of a parcel to him by Express containing clothes which he could not have had before he left--poor unfortunate Frank--he will I trust learn wisdom by experience but I fear it will also be with much trouble to himself. God I hope will watch over him and guard him from all adversities that may happen to his body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt his soul. I can never cease to pray for him, indeed my dear Willie it is what I constantly do for each and all of you that God would grant you the Teaching of His Holy Spirit to convince of Sin, of Righteousness and of Eternal Judgment. God is our kind loving Father and we ought to love Him, He is our Master, and we are bound to serve him. Consecrate yourself my dear boy to His service and all will be well with you for Time and Eternity. We all send best love and believe me

Your very affectionate Mother
Ellen Osler

There will be no need for you to send on Frank's note to Edward, I will tell him all about him when I see him.