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My darling boy

I got your letter last night
~~and~~ just as I was going to Evening
Service and I am ashamed to say that
I was so impatient and in so very great
a hurry to read it that I was not content
to wait until I got home but I actually
went behind the organ and read it
before service commenced. I can't tell
you how delighted I was to receive it.
Your old Jimmy was not vexed at all
he was only hurt that his friend Millie
was so thoughtless as to suppose that
he desired any excuse to get out of
writing to him, or that he would
not have written to him had it been
possible to have done so. You are not
selfish; among your faults (and don't
flatter yourself that they are either
few or far between) selfishness has no

place. I could not be to you what I am
if it had. The reason why you wrote to
me as you did was mere thoughtlessness
and if even I had been very put out
the way in which you acknowledged
it would completely have disarmed
me. No my own dear Willie nothing
that you could do to me would ever
make me seriously angry with you
and if even I were you unfortunately
know too well how well soon you
could make me give it all up.
So it is quite so, I was not at all
angry I was only hurt and that
is all gone and was so long before
you ever wrote to me about it. I
knew it was thoughtlessness that was
the matter and nothing else. So
your holidays commence on Thursday
the 11th as they mine are not till the
16th. Now I'll tell you just what you

must do. Come down either on the
Thursday or Friday. I will be at the Station
to meet you if it be by the afternoon
or early morning train and then
you can come with me and stay
with me until I go down on the
Tuesday following. That will be only
three or four days in Oakville with me
and then we can go on to Dundas
together. This will be an admirable
arrangement for Ned will be at home
from College and I shall be in the
midst of winter examinations so that
I shall have no classes but will be
able to talk to you both for as long
as you choose to stay with me in the
school, and as I do not intend to
examine the papers until I go to
Dundas with you there will be no
reason why the three of us cannot
thoroughly enjoy ourselves as well as

1. I take no pains at all to compose but simply
got down ideas just as they come flocking into
my head. I have just sent Charlie away. He
came on Saturday night and went away
yesterday (Monday) morning. I wanted him to
stay longer but he said that he could not
possibly do it. I am glad that your trials &
other inconveniences did not return
out worse than they did. I hope that the
holiday will quite improve you and make
you well enough. I am looking forward
with a great deal of pleasure to being with
you there though I shall I am afraid have
some examination papers to look over. Charlie
was very disappointed at not seeing you.
The poor little monkey said that that was
the only thing now wanting to make
him quite happy. Frank Chebley is going
to be a lawyer. Write soon soon and mind
say with me on your way down.

God bless you my own dear boy

Y^r very best friend

Ch. Mayhew

What exactly, use is there in my
persistently taking lunch to school. I
seldom have time to eat it, and if I
had, the inclination is wanting, the
snice eat it and it gives Mr. Fletcher
hontle; Cui bono? Is return to the charge
however Ned wants you to stay in Oakville
on your way through, and as you have
failed me so very often in this very
matter you must not er again. I
have in hand the construction of a very
pretty little aquarium and if it be
not so expensive as to make me relinquish
the idea I hope to have it made the
without any fish in it by the time
you pass through here on your way
home. I am glad that you have at
last decided not to put such dreadful
things in your letters in future. It was
really dreadful and it is very kind
of you giving it up because I expressed