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My dear Willie

→ If you erred through ignorance I freely forgive especially after receiving your nice letter yesterday, but know now and for ever, that it is a long established custom in the polite world, (to say nothing of stronger home-ties) that when an individual has been an inmate of a family for a season to intimate to that family his safe arrival at home or elsewhere. So I hope you'll understand for the future.

A good piece of news I have to communicate is that we have heard of Frank (not from him though) the captain very kindly wrote to tell us they had arrived safely at Caldero had had a very good voyage, and were all well. Frank he said was going to write by the same post, there may come a letter from him in a day or two. Nellie I dare say will let you know that she is in town by presenting herself at Trinity, Papa went down with her on Wednesday and in the evening returned bringing Hal with him, so our extreme quietude is over at the Rectory.

I am indulging in a cold which this continued Easterly wind does not improve but it is pleasant to see the bright sun and no snow to hear the birds singing, the only indication as yet of spring.

Chattie's glowing descriptions of the English spring and their sea-side rambles over the old places sets one longing to be there. She seems happy and well and by the time she has seen London will be quite a travelled lady.

It was not a young lady who write the verses on Ancaster Church but Mrs. Postons who only took Poet's licence when--but I have just referred to the lines and there is nothing about organ loft--it is only

"And voice and organ sweet did raise

The songs of triumph, hymns of praise."

I shall look out for you next week, I want Nellie to stay as long as she can in Toronto and perhaps she may not return till the middle of the week following. I am going to ask Belle Smith to spend Easter with us and I hope Edmund may come up too. Marion's wee chick has had scarlet fever but is better and I hope will not give it either father or mother else they cannot be with us.

Enclosed is a V note which you can let Nellie know you received and she can mention it when she writes as I suppose you'll not care about the exertion of another epistle so soon.

God bless you my dear boy

Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler

L.P.D. 21.