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My dear Emma *Ellen in Cornwall.*

As far as I can foresee tomorrow (which is post-day) will have every inch of time occupied and if I do not write this evening, it is not likely I shall write at all this week--and as I could not carry out my intention of writing by the last post I feel that I must do so this mail even if it is brevity itself. Your Uncle is away on a mission tour, Miss Stuart and Chattie have gone to a concert at Flambro. Edward has gone on business to Galt and Marion to Guelph to sing in aid of the Church there so we are scattered for the time here and there--the little Isabel is quietly asleep up stairs, the old Thomas cat ditto on the easy chair, the girl folding clothes in the kitchen and I the occupand of the dining room have busied myself in cutting out a couple of frocks for the little Ethel, settled up things generally and the table in particular and sit down to have a little chit-chat with thee. Going over to see Carrie this afternoon I met Chattie returning from the post so as soon as I returned I sat down and devoured Aunt Lizzie's and your note, it came so opportunely just as I was going to write; You would write oftener if you could only know how pleased I am to hear all about everybody; and by the way there are several that you do not mention so mind another time dearie.

*My dear*  
Our dear Willie Osler now that he has fairly started on his work of life will I hope go on well had you and I the ordering and arranging of his domestic life we might like things somewhat different for him, but I do not question but that it is just the right thing that his Mother and Janey should be with him; I am writing to get a photo of Willie from Montreal and then I shall write to him but must ask you to forward to him as I do not know his exact address. I am so sorry about the fire--it will be a worry for Aunt Lizzie and give much trouble, surely these repeated fires cannot be purely accidental. You seem to be rejoicing in a specimen of Canadian winter it must be an unusual thing for snow to remain so long on the ground in warm Cornwall it is a pity when it makes such a long visit that impromptu sleighs, stoves etc. cannot be in use to make it pleasant. We have had no cold to speak of yet, last week it was warm, almost hot, but after a thorough wet day on Sunday, it began to freeze again and now a slight fall of snow is on the ground again, but it is too rough for sleighing, wheeling is good. Yesterday afternoon Chattie walked up to see Nellie, today Nellie with her baby brought her back the little fellow is improving I hope and Nellie is tolerably cheerful but she says the feeling of utter desolation within is more than she can express--turn which way we will there is more or less of trouble and what are our individual trials compared with the horror of the war now raging, yet even in that we may take comfort in knowing that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth and that He can bring good out of this evil, yea and will do so for He hath said "The wrath of man man shall praise Him"

We were very sorry to have to part with Jenette but Mr. Francis having to go to England she had to be with Marion of course, Willie spent his Xmas vacation with them, since then Jenette says they have all been laid up with colds--there is a great amount of sickness about everywhere especially amongst children.

And now dear Emma I must say good night commissioning you to give my love to each and all of the dear home friends I hope Mary is quite strong again--and is Aunt Emma better?

Ever your loving  
Ellen Osler

We expect Mary Osler on Saturday she is our great favorite of the Lloyd Town girls and yet the dear old Fannie is very nice. Chattie is almost engaged to Mr. Gwyn a youth that we have known and liked for years  
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