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From his mother.

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The Rectory,
Dundas,
November 7th 1872.

My very dear Willie,

I must scratch a few lines to you though they may be worth nothing more than to shew you are not forgotten by your old Mother. Jennette has a letter partly written which she is to finish and enclose but if you could only see how both of us are agonizing over the outward adornments of the body beside the many other things pressing on our time you would wonder how we could deliberately sit down to write one we cared so little about as yourself. Your letter to Nellie and the Pater came yesterday we read with greed and passed the former on to Thornhill where Nellie is and where I was to have gone to-day, but an Evening Entertainment has suddenly been thought of for the 14th (Thanksgiving day). The Ladies of St. James' Ch. get it up to clear off odd debts and I have a vast amount of calling and talking to do in the mean time, beside this - Miss Osler of the Rectory is going to have a party to-morrow evening about 19 or 20, these things combined must excuse our skurrey. I feel quite thankful that you will have a friendly companion through the coming winter which would be often enough dull and lonely for you if alone, the weather in the dear old land is not so clear and bright as here and I think that when you've once made the acquaintance of a genuine London Fog you will exclaim with some vehemence "No more thank you, no more." I remember them as something awful. We have had some pleasant weather lately, only thrice have we had the Hall Stove going, but the rain of one or two nights has made the hill very soft and there is so Sidewalk yet!

I think the Pater was gratified with your letter and pleased that the Proctors had called to see you - I fancy Aunt Lizzie is hoping to see you at Xmas but it would be more pleasant for you to go to Cornwall in summer time, you could not enjoy the coast in Midwinter half as much nor would it be very cheery for you with a Maiden Aunt and stranger Cousins. It would be nice if you could see the Swansea people for a few days then, I am sorry you missed seeing Mr Stuart - Annie and the Rads. were down at Tec. last evening and come again to-morrow. Annie has quite made up her mind to leave John and the Farm but whether to return to England or take a situation here is still an open question with her.

With much love dear Willie,

I am ever

Your loving Mother

ELLEN OSLER.