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From his mother.

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(no address or date).

My dear Willie,

I feel as if I must write to you although its tired I am with sundry matters of house-cleaning on hand and a Ladies' Meeting this afternoon to arrange for an evening party in the Schoolhouse for the 14th of next month (a general Thanksgiving for Harvest) we want to dispose of the things left from the Bazaar and pay for the carpet &c so we are thinking to raise the funds in this way. On my way home I called at Chattie's and got your letter which I have just been spelling over with much pleasure. Jennette and the Father are writing English letters, the little Isabel in bed, Ernest gone to the Post so we are quiet as mice. Nellie and her boy left us last week for their new home at Thornhill but mean to return and stay while Jennette is away in Montreal after Xmas, the W's are not disposed to like the house at Thornhill, nothing could be definitely settled about the Deed, so they are renting the place for a year. Mrs W. missed Bud and nothing was right, now he has gone down perhaps they may take more kindly to the place.

C and B B have gone to Toronto with the two little girls but are to be homette-night - they have had workmen over there for the last month, New Banisters, Hall newly papered and painted, gas laid on and sundry other improvements, which call for a new Set of Drawing-room furniture which they have gone to town to purchase. Ellie Holt is daily-governess to the two little girls till Xmas. Chattie has been laid bye for a few days with a bad cold and cough, to-day she is better but went out for a walk and was very much coughing when I was in there. Frieda Groves is staying with Georgie Rolph whose brother Willie is expected this eveining. Mr Rolph is by nomeans pleased to have the young lady visitor just now. A new star has risen on the Drs. horizon or rather has re-appeared, a young American lady (Miss Kibby) they met some five or six years ago on the Algoma Trip and have kept sight of each other ever since they say, the talking of enlarging the house, building a drawing-room &c is supposed to be a sign of coming times. The Kibbys are to board up at the Atkins' next summer. Miss K. is at present a guest of Mrs Wyld. Edmund expects to have his house finished in a week or two, when I hope to go down and help him settle it up for winter. You'll think me quite a gad-about when I tell you I'm going out to Thornhill next week for a couple of days if all be well. Frank has got his Farm secured and writes as if he meant to work. I think both B and Edmund are helping him and we are going to send him up some warm winter garments.

You ask to be told about youg McNab - his health had been failing for some time, his head in some way affected, he was advised to go to England and with a friend went into Allen's Office in Montreal to get his Ticket which his friend was arranging with the clerk and on looking round to leave missed McNab - searched everywhere and made all enquiries without avail, about dusk some persons saw a man with his coat off walk into the water near one of the piers of the Victoria Bridge, they called to him but before they could reach the spot he was gone from sight. I think his coat and hat were identified - the friends who

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went down with him in the Boat say that he talked and acted most strangely.

How pleasant it will be for you to have your friend Brown through the winter.

I do trust that you may be kept free from heavy colds, they settle so on your chest, be very careful of your dear self for my sake only mind and tell us if anything is the matter. And now, dear old Willie, I must say good night, I am dull and stupid so this is not a brilliant letter by any means, the news of the day is all of sombre hue. Fatal cases of Typhoid Fever, which is prevalent up above the Drill shed and a bad Railway accident near Grimsby.

Jennette I think will write next week.

Ever your loving Mother,

ELLEN OSLER.

We ordered the Weekly Mail to be sent long ago and C said she would send you the Banner every week.