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To his Mother from W.O.

My dear Mother

Last weeks letter though sent to you "did not count", it was but a scrap; so that this one goes to you by proper turn. A mail arrived today with one letter from Chattie of Jan 23rd and some papers. They still continue to send the Mail a week after date, but this time it was useful as F. Robertson's of last week's came to grief with the rest of the Toronto mails I dined at the Pellatts on Friday evening, meeting a number of their old friends and spent a very pleasant evening. On Saturday afternoon I paid some long-due calls on the Wilds and Miss Powell - one of those American girls - who has left the fair "widow" & is living with her brother in the West end. Fortunately nobody was in at either place and as I was close to Mrs Harrison's I went in there, but she also was out, so that I got through my calling very quickly. I finished the afternoon by going to the Misses Bovell and had a long chat with them about West Indian friends They hear from the Doctor very regularly and report him very busy, having three Parishes to attend and four Sunday Services. I did intend to go out to Putney on Sunday to see the Atwell Francis' but it was such a dreary bleak day that I postponed it, Browne & I spending a quiet Sunday together. I went to Christ Church and after dinner took a long walk around Primrose Hill returning through the Park The snow has quite disappeared but an occasional flurry with a lowering of the Thermometer remind me that it is winter time. London is much agitated just now over the coal question, the prices having got up last week to 53<sup>s</sup> ~~per ton~~ and a still further advance is talked of. As we only have our fire in the morning & evening it does not fall so heavily but what the poor will do if the weather gets much colder, is difficult to say Today has been remarkably clear and fine and as it was one of my days at the Brown Institution, I enjoyed the bright view - not often seen - on the river; going up on one of the Boats. I hope Bud's cold is better and that Nellie is again with you in Dundas x x x

~~I am going to the S[h]eppards tomorrow evening to meet Lawford Rolph They are very nice people and have been very kind. I send the "John Bull" of this week to the Pater. Ask him to pass it on to J. Babington. I got it thinking it would contain a full account of the Athanasian Creed defence meeting, but you will see all about that in last week's Guardian. I am glad you have a "slavey" that promises well; Even in England they are not immaculate judging from the complaints one hears. x x x~~

~~When to<sup>2</sup> [def] D & C\* come over; from what Chattie said I suppose it is settled I shall be so glad to see them~~

~~Much love to all~~

Your most affectionate  
Son

Willie

\*Brick & Carrie