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My dear Willie

I deputed Marion to keep you informed of the state of the invalids which I think she has done fully, and she has so kindly done without Jennette who is I am sure all but indispensable in her large family, and Hennie has sent Georgie over every day so that with the two night nurses we have had all necessary help in this sad time of trouble. God has fulfilled his promises of help in times of need and given grace and strength to bear daily the portion laid on each one. Nellie just gave way after all the day and night nursing and I think the enforced rest has been the best thing for her, she would surely have been laid by with much worse had this not occurred as it is she has been very poorly but is improving. She has been in the drawing-room with one of the nurses to attend her, today she is on the sofa, when well enough to leave home I wish she would go for a few days to Deer Park (write to her and tell her to go) for she will not be fit to take up any of her out-door work for some time. Marion wants her there for a few days and J could then go with her. Miss Mc Kenzie and Edward who is everything to dear Ethel would look after her. You suggest that Father and I should leave home for a time, but just now it seems impracticable, Marvis very good but it needs some one to look over little house matters and keep things straight. We, that is Father and I are up in Nellies room, Ethel is in the spare room and the nurses or J have dear Aunt's room as they can use it for their rest. There has been no time to more than tidy it up a little. Dear M was in our room for some days previous to her death, the curtains mattresses, carpets etc. were all sent away to be renovated, purified and so on, and until E can be removed into Aunt's room nothing can be done to ours except that it has been carbolized and windows always open--tell me if you think there is necessity for the wall paper to be torn off. After a time when the way seems clear I dare say we shall go for a few days to Dundas but I know the Mill there is very trying to Father especially now that there is chance of frost. We both keep pretty well I can see that Father becomes more and more helpless which makes me feel that home is the best place.

Carrie has not been so well lately her feet specially suffer and she is going tomorrow to Arkensaw I think to some hot springs which are highly spoken of. A Mr. Mc Laren that BB knows has been there and derived much benefit, they, Mr. and Mrs. Mc Laren have gone today and will wait at Chicago for Carrie who leaves tomorrow. She takes no maid with her, but leaves the three and Ballard in the house. BB will be away except Sundays for the next six or seven weeks. Hal and Amy will brighten his home for him when he comes.

All send dear best love to you. Poor Edward is very sad, E, cannot bear him out of her sight.

Ever your loving Mother  
E. Osler