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My dear Willie

The Phila. postmark was greeted by a welcome from all, and the contents of the note were most acceptable, it was so long since we had heard from you. How happy you must feel about Mrs. Tho. Begue and I'm sure she and her friends will bless God and thank you for the wise counsel given them and what a rejoicing there will be when she returns home to them quite well which I hope she will do soon. We are all fairly well Aunt stood last weeks cold quite as well as any of the young people, of course neither she nor I went out, but the Pater took his walk as usual only returned in a much shorter time the day the ther. stood at 15 below zero. I am giving him the Digitalis but cannot make myself remember to give it regularly 3 times a day--his legs do not swell as much as they did and altogether I think him much better.

Did you hear that Bonnington is sold. Bain the member takes possession this week so Marion after just settling herself there with Ethel and her brother Harry has to leave, we have persuaded her to come at once to Toronto, send Ethel to the Ch. School spend the rest of the winter amongst friends and settle to house-keeping in May or June--storing her furniture in the coach house at the bottom of our garden till she needs it.

Chattie's S. F. children are better none of the others had taken it when we heard from her last week. Marion was here this afternoon some of the children have colds but are over the bad throat attacks.

You will be sorry to hear of Mr. Darling's death in a foreign land, only five days illness, it is sad for them all and Lucy has so much to trouble her two of the children are just getting over S. Fever, three servants one after the other had Diphtheria, there has been so much illness in Toronto especially amongst children.

Frank and Belle were to leave Winnipeg for Qu'Appelle today they both seemed to enjoy their months holiday.

In haste, yr. loving Mother
E. O.