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My very dear Willie

It seems ages since we heard from you, and only of you when Carrie returned home and she saw you in New York.

None of us think Carrie any better than when she went to England indeed I'm quite sure her old enemy has firmer hold on the system. I feel quite distressed to see her, and she fights so with all she has to bear--and bears all so uncomplainingly, it is an effort to move from room to room. Brit is away from home almost constantly or only home late in the evening. Hennie or one of her girls are always with her and today she had Annie Walker, Sophie Hennie and Annie Edmd. at lunch but she does not seem equal to any exertion, it is sad indeed, for there seems no remedy for such a case.

We have quite a taste of the coming winter and a day or two ago such a storm as I do not remember to have felt since we lived in Toronto and it was worse in Hamilton and many other places. Chattie writes that it is piteous to see the wreckage about their place some trees snapped off and no trouble to gather the apples nearly all are blown down--two men were engaged to come next Monday to pick them (they was a large crop) and now they will be all but worthless when gathered, battered and bruised off the damp grass but she feels that while the household crop is all safe indoors the exterior trouble may be borne without grumbling.

The Islanders may be thankful they were over before the blow--there were some few still lingering to enjoy it to the last, and they had the pleasure of sitting up all night anticipating the worst--the poor little sick children at the Hospital were brought over next day.

Muth begins to feel quite an old house keeper, she has a very pretty house and cozy. May has been staying there while they are settling at Wilton Ave. I have not been over their house yet but I cannot fancy I big enough for them all and not a scrap of ground for the children to play in or for clothes drying. I am sorry they had to take a three years lease for to me it does not seem a very healthy locality, but they can step into All Saints Ch. and that is an advantage to set against the drawbacks. Jennette does not mind a quartette of little ones with roller skates in her room up two flights of stairs by the way J has not been at all well lately blotches here and there about hands and face--she carries that small Jennie up two pairs and is I think over done with all the moving etc. and I think they have no girl but Lizzie the sewing girl. Father was poorly the early part of the week--dreadfully troubled with constipation. I felt quite nervous about him for a day or two he was so prostrated but he is all right again now except that he, as well as most people have colds this changeable weather. Nellie has taken Trevor home today, we miss the little fellow but I wanted them all home again she has one good servant but it is almost impossible to get a second.

Good-bye dear Willie--

I forgot to tell you that Alec is in the bank--

Your loving Mother
E. Oslor