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My dear Chattie

I was so glad to find by your letter to Nellie that you felt much better, I do not like your being so subject to that cough, the coming of one set or the getting off the other set of children was too much under existing circumstances. I fear you do not take sufficient care of your dear self--try and be good in that respect will you? What a joke about the trousers. I can quite understand how it all happened in the turmoil of the day. I enclose Carrie's note recd. today. Hennie returned on Thursday evening and was here at lunch yesterday, she looks as if the rest had done her much good and she reports well off Carrie, so let us hope on. It has been one of those days without rest--Nellie and Trevor went into town in the morning so I had a busy time in the kitchen till 12 such a lot of people in the afternoon, then when all was cleaned away after tea Kate Thorne came Willie got tea for her and then had to go some errands on Yonge St. after settling up sundry things I sat down to write when in came Willie--he had telegraphed that he would be up soon after 8--he looks very well, has had tea and gone down to the Queens to see an old friend who called here this morning thinking to find him home. He brought up a box of most exquisite roses and I have been setting them all up for display tomorrow think of that, and wish you had some. \*Edmd., or one of them, sent two pots of lovely flowers also, so fancy how gay we shall look. BB, Hal, Willie and his friend Dr. Hutchinson will be with us at dinner. \*It was not Emma.

Monday 11 a. m.

I tried my best to finish this on Saty. evening but failed, so instead of your getting it this morning by post I send it by the boys. I do hope you were well enough to get out yesterday and enjoy the glad Easter tide in the Church as well as at home. We had a coupé. Nellie and Willie going with us to St. Peters, Alec took Trevor to St. Lukes and did not go to Deer Park till after dinner. Father has something like a bilious attack since Friday afternoon but otherwise is pretty well. We had a full table of the masculine gender yesterday then they walked up to Rosedale and took tea at BB's after. Dr. Hutchinson expresses himself greatly pleased at having found his old chum Willie at home, and with his three brothers was much impressed. I fancy the precocity of Canadian small boys will not be forgotten by him--he and BB were talking something of the Colonial government and he asked of what class of people the Legislature was drawn from, what proportion of professional men etc. BB thought it over and said, about 25 lawyers, and so on, ten merchants, and ten--Trevor chimed in--"and ten thieves" he seemed to be wholly taken up with an orange at the time but evidently had his ears open there was a great burst from the Uncles who decided that one of their nephews at least was not behind the age.

Fenn, his two younger boys and a school friend who is spending Easter with them took tea with us. Annie, Edmd. G. and N. came to supper--and Grit, Find at tea, Toby at dinner. Amy and Clara were droppers-in. We all think Norman much grown decidedly stouter too. Willie is quite anxious for him to skip over the next four years and be 16 at once.

It is about time I said thank you for that beautiful butter and those lovely eggs quite Easter delicacies to town folk. I felt that I had to take of the prints of butter to Miss Crooks and so enjoy the others much more myself. You will receive the seeds by Norman also a small box of Phila. sweeties from Willie, Easter eggs, buttercups etc. I asked for more cocoa and thought to have had it in time to send up today just enough for any more cold mornings we may have two or three binders you will find also the other articles can wait till we come up. We are sorry the holidays are so short for the boys but the next we know are longer. I was going to get T a pr. of boots but it seems a pity not to