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My very dear Willie

The house has been cruelly dull all the week, We sadly miss your chirpy voice coming in and out one day after another, however we can but be thankful that we had you so long and that all were well while you were with us it certainly gave us all much pleasure so you ought to feel quite flattered. Thanks for your note telling of your safe arrival, may you keep well and strong for all the heavy work that may be before you. Fancy the state of things on Monday when Chattie took her departure Nellie is going with her to Hamtn. to help care for the little ones they brought Campbell over from Hennies to meet the boat and were just in time to see the Maccasa leave the wharf, they could almost have thrown the little man on board--had there been one or two available passengers. I dare say the Captain would have put back but declined as 'twas only a child, so now the four girls A, C, E, J, will choose a nice day and take a trip up with him, stay at Chatties for the night and with the help of Miss D. Brown will try to enjoy themselves.

The photo of C and the B. D. will be a pretty picture, the proofs were very good, so are one or two of the girls. C will be sure to forward you one of each when they are ready. Herbert came down in time to go up by the aftn. boat on Monday his ankle was better though still swollen. BB arrived about 10.30 on Monday and after a hurried hour with Carrie ran over here for ten minutes then off to the Hall to begin work, I fear there will be no time found for anything of a holiday, he looks well though I think not quite as stout. We have not seen anything of M or J since you left they need all their time I fancy to get the boys ready to start next week. All the girls in single or double numbers have been over from Hennies this week the evenings and some days have been very cold especially over there and they mean to move back next Tuesday, perhaps then the weather may turn round warm but certainly the strong cold winds all this week have not been conducive to Island comfort. Mary T. moved over early this week thankful to get back. Father has not had occasion to use the glycerine yet, he seems brighter the last 2 or 3 days. We all send dear best love,

Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler