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My dear Willie

Your note was very acceptable yesterday it always does us good to hear from you. We could not help wishing you had been with us while the American cousin was here, she had only four days, two of which were very rainy, but Nellie took her out notwithstanding and devoted her time to make it pleasant as possible, she was rather bewildered over the twos and threes of the Osler tribe that came in to see her. Amy, and Edmd's two girls she did not see she dined at Bricks on Sunday on Monday we had a cab, drove to Hennies all round the Park up through Rosedale stopping for an hour at Annies, then Nellie took her to the station how delighted the dear old Aunt would have been to see her. I think she went off favourably impressed with her cousins if not with the Toronto weather but the few days she spent in Buffalo were equally wet and dreary so she

can't call it Canadian gloom.

Hennie tells me she wrote to you about Amy. She told me yesterday that she was better but all of us have felt anxious about her lately she looks so white with purple line round the eyes and mouth breathing affected when going up stairs and when over here the beginning of last week I noticed the hand pressed on the side as if a pain was there. H says her neuralgic pain is from cutting her last wisdom tooth. I hope she is not worse than they think she is. Chattie has been very poorly, kept her bed for a week but is mending now though keeping to her room still. I fancy there has been something of inflamation of the lower bowels troubling her she will miss Dr. Walker when anything goes wrong with herself or family. I seem to bring all the family illnesses to you. Did you hear of Carrie's trouble in addition to her chronic ailment? She has often spoken of the pain she suffered from in-growing nail but I had no idea that the nails had to be removed from both big toes -- only fancy the agony she must have endured, she was carried down stairs on Sunday and is going on well looking forward with hope to walking soon without her crutches. Will it ever be? Thanks for the Baltimore paper. How proud I ought to be of you, I wonder am I, perhaps so-this I do know that my heart is full of love and thankfulness to Him who has showered so many blessings on my life in the matter of dear precious sons and daughters -- may they be His in time and in eternity. Father keeps about the same, he is in the garden now grape-gleaning -- as days go on I see him more helpless and still so patient -- his feet and legs swell a little more of late and I am going to give him the Digitalis again -- 10 drops I think you said before each meal.

Ever your loving Mother E. Osler