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My dear Willie

So glad to hear that you were none the worse for your long journey we were very glad to have that bit of sunshine on Friday morning and sad as your visit was in Montreal I'm sure that Mrs. Howard felt the comfort of having you there at such a time of sorrow. The children from Marians are going to a party on Maitland St. on Friday to keep Charlies birthday. You'll get full particulars of it all from the pen of one of those precocious young ladies--they are in high feather with those two boys of Annies at their beck and call. Jennette sent word today that she would spend Friday with us instead of only the evening as she usually does but I can foresee that this party at Ruth's will have charms for her not to be resisted. We meant to have taken J and gone tomorrow out to call on young Mrs. Meredith but the weather has been wet and dismal, a heavy fall of snow on Sunday, sleet and rain on Tuesday and today was ushered in at 7 a.m. with a smart thunder storm and rain sleet and snow all day so the roads will not answer for the drive even if the weather improves. March and April have exchanged places this year.

Your overcoat came all right the other day it will be too heavy for wear at Easter so be sure bring a lighter one. Father keeps about the same you must have noticed him more feeble than when you were up last though his health is I think as good as for some time past, I can only be thankful that the mind is clear truly we have "showers of blessings" and dare we murmur at some things running counter to our wisher. Horace, Mary, and Amy Wilcocks leave tomorrow poor Mary is not in very good spirits leaving her three small ties behind and being absent from Fannies wedding, she dreads the voyage never having been on the water; Aunt Lizzie will have a high time with all her Canadian relatives.

Father and Nellie send love only think of Alec going over to Port Hope and taking Gordon and Gwyn to dine with him at the hotel. Marian's boys were very much impressed by it.

Your loving Mother  
Ellen Osler

*Wed. Apr. 3rd*

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before the Soc<sup>y</sup> following to  
Bellevue Hosp. N.Y.*