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My dear Willie

I meant to have writtem last week but am glad now I waited as we had your letter to Father this morning no congratulations to me as the Great Grandmother and as it is the one only way in which I could attain any honour or distinction it is just mean of my Benjamin to pass me by, however I am very proud all the same but have not yet been able to get to Collier Street to see this new arrival -- which Arthur thinks without any prejudice is the best looking Baby he has ever seen -- whoever goes there he fishes for compliments on its behalf, now as it ought not to have been born for a month later you would know that it is not perfection in its appearance -- if you write a line to the fond Mother give a little sage advice as to keeping the little thing warm and quiet which as far as I can learn they do not seem to consider necessary. We had a letter from Aunt Lizzie on Friday she reports herself slowly improving but does so wish the dear Willie was near to give his advice -- she tells us of the death of Uncle Samuel he had been confined to his bed for some time and was very helpless, he passed away very peacefully. Father says you ought not to be told that he is better he says he can feel himself becoming more feeble every day, and I can see that it is so, but a couple of weeks ago he was very poorly independent of this. I think the Digitalis did him good for his ankles are not so much swollen. I left it off a week since and suppose it should be given again in another ten days. Our love to the dear Georgie I'm sure you will find her all you could wish, only be very careful in having so many young M. D's about and treating them so kindly too, that it is only a very special specimen of its kind that is to set his affections on your very stra neice.

Marian has been very poorly since her return from N. York but wen-

dolyn told us yesterday she was better.

Ever your loving Mother Ellen Osler