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My dear Willie

It is a shame to have been so long without writing but you know how this house jogs on with the many interruptions of every day with a very inefficient help in the kitchen. Chattie staid a couple of days over the fortnight, the children gathered here, and there was a great exodus--Nellie going with them to the station then the house collapsed all was dullness itself.

Did any one tell you that Alec was removed to Lindsey? Of course it meant promotion and he went off on Monday in high spirits, leaving his Mother just the reverse--there are few lads have a more favourable start in life and I think and hope he will do well. Father gets down stairs every day to dinner, goes up again for a quiet hour or two and re-appears on the scene at tea time the exercise does him good, I think, if the weather keeps mild next week a short drive on a bright day might be tried.

→ The contrast in those clippings was striking, the thought came unbidden "Who maketh thee to differ, and what hast thou that thou hast not received?" Thank God that you are not lifted with pride at all the honours thrust upon you knowing how well deserved it all is I feel in some danger myself of indulging in the naughty spirit. You must not overwork yourself meanwhile else you'll not be in good heart when you take up your new position in Baltimore; one after another has dropped in all the aftn. Georgie Rolph amongst them--she had taken rooms on Sherbourne St. and was with Sophie for a time, on Saty. night the house took fire, and she is now on the look out for other rooms. Amy went up to Chatties today, I'm not sure that it was a wise proceeding but her heart was set on it. Staplehurst is a much colder house than Avenue St. and the long stiff hill will be too much for her she gets so soon tired even going up stairs.

I wish you would write a scrap to her and insist on her taking her medicine regularly which I know she does not do. May seems quite well again she was here for a few minutes yesterday.

You have heard from some of them lately and they are sure to have told you of the death of C Bath. Percy feels sadly for he was very fond of this big brother.

Ever dear W your loving Mother
E. O.

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