My dear Chattie

I thought to have written a few lines yesterday but after a letter to Aunt Lizzie there seemed no time left. Jennette and her Jennie were off soon after breakfast, by the time father's toilette was complete, it was but a otter here and there till early dinner. Annie came with her two boys and Mrs Williamson then Aunt and Uncle soon after-before long Hennie and soon after her departure Fennhand Edmd. Mary horne too wedged in somewhere, so you see I had interruptions enough while the one letter was on hand, but I must thank you for the delightfully long oney received the afternoon before yesterday such newsy budgets are to us what the Spress is to A and C wellook for them periodically and rejoice over the contents when not saddened by ill tidings. I wish the dear wee Nona was better, let some one send a P C if you do not find time to write in the next day or two, we thought Charlie was to be down this week some time but 'tis nearly gone now. Is he better? I can give you no certain information as to the size of the College rooms, but all agree in saying they are very small. H and F had nice letters from Britton this week, he has a room to himself (not very small) for which he requires carpet, table-wover, rug, quilt etc. and also some visiting cards !! The authorities evidently break the juniors in gently, at present it is Drill about 8 times a day, before each time he has to clean his boots, trench digging and gymnastics take some time and he has always to make his bed. One of the seniors is very kind and tells him always to come to him for information or help at any time. You will be glad to hear that Alec has a situation in the Imperial Bank at Brandon-at W. Uslers he was working for his board, I am not sure but it would have been the best thing for him to have remained there for the winter on those terms, but he would not be content unless making money, Edmd. told Nellie that he had applied at the office of the Bank up there and yesterday he told her he had been accepted, so his next letter I suppose will tell his Mother about it. Edmd. and Mrs. Bethune are up at the Point for a day or two fishing-BB is at Peterborough till tomorrow, Hennie thinks C better and days that when she does come home she has made up her mind to have a nurse -- so far, so good, her toe has healed and she was going to have her boots on today (?) to strengthen the ankles preparatory to walking. Georgie and Willie were to take up house again yesterday she has secured 3 good servants. Miss Patterson has gone back to Balt. and will go in for private nursing she has enjoyed her long holiday. Miss Crook has moved into the house Percy had, the Smiths move into Miss Crook's.

Isabel and Ruth are in their own pretty homes and the Islanders were to have moved into their house on Carlton St. today but the rain would be a drawback and I dare say they'll wait till tomorrow...Nillie appears a scrap better than she did. I only wish she could leave home and all her outside work for three or four weeks but there are always lions

in the way.

We shall be glad to see you down with Herbert and the little B D. Amy said she was prepared to go up and fetch her as soon as word was given that she was ready. Miss Nona's frock is ready for her all but tacking in a bit of lace.

Have you weaned her yet? Dear little soul it will be hard on her while teething and yet she is very old to be a drag on you.

Ever your loving Mother E. Osler