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My dear Willie

Many hindrances kept me from writing yesterday I wanted to send our united thanks with @ve attached for the brill. of apples that came on Tuesday from Staplehurst they will be doubly acceptable coming as it were from both you and Chattie--but for your generosity to relatives I believe the apple crop would be a loss to her this is the third year that just at this time she has been without kitchen help and the in-door and out-door work is of necessity thrown on her hands. Now however I hear that one of her old servants has come back to her and she is much rejoiced to be at liberty--her new governess is this far satisfactory so the school machinery runs smoothly. Your letter this morning was very acceptable--it was very pleasant to hear that you could manage to run over to N. York to see Marian and May with Georgie we hear that they returned yesterday and Nellie has gone this aftn. to see them. J and the three chickens have been here two or three times while the others were absent--the trio of boys seem to go on well at school, there are so many Toronto boys they know there that perhaps home-sickness will not attack them severely.

Edmd. returned yesterday from his ranch in the far N. West--he had nine long days of travel and nine consecutive hours on horseback stiff and tired he was, but looks well in spite of all, he saw Frank but not Edward, he was but one day in Winnipeg and I fancy Ed. was at the Lake about the time he was there. I will remind you of the two little books for him before the 20th. of November. Father goes on much as usual gradually growing more feeble, as yet we have not needed the glycerine but probably may try it tomorrow. No settled servant yet in Julia's place but a good honest old darkie who fills up the gap till we meet with a tolerably good girl.

Hattie Pegue was with us for a week while the Exhibition was going on Nellie took her about all she could and she seemed to enjoy Toronto immensely after the quiet life she has in Dundas. The Walkers are ploughing the sea and I hope will miss the usual storms that fly about at this season. I don't think Annie will enjoy her winter in Birmingham it is a cold damp climate there the houses so draughty, and she accustomed to such a warm nest. Georgie has rented rooms on Jarvis St. for the winter but I think is at present spending a few days with Chattie--her brother has been ordered to Bermuda and has urged Georgie to go there to stay with many inducements beside that I do not see how she can resist but she declines and would rather be alone in lodgings.

First the Thornes, then Hennie and now 'tis too dark to go on with more scribble.

God bless and keep you under His care.

Ever your loving Mother  
Ellen Osler