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My dear Chattie

I can readily excuse your not writing, the throng and turmoil of your every day life is enough to keep all your powers of mind and body in full play, the P C was acceptable and then there was Ethel's letter to tell of all the doings of Monday. Herbert dined with us on Sunday and told us something was goind on at the College to fill up his Q B holiday. Glyn told us how much he had enjoyed his with Norman, Staplehurst must look its very best this exquisite spring weather though it always is in holiday attire. I suppose Charlie was off the Berlin on some Military business(?) for that only could take him from home on the 24th, you would learn from the paper that the good sound loyalty of the Bible was inculcated in the services of the 24th. at most, if not at all the churches.

Our street was very quiet all Monday and we were very peaceful in the house. Mildred went home for most of the day. You will be sorry to hear that she is about to leave -- her sisters health has been failing the last month or tow and she is going to Dalyrimple to stay a while with a cousin who has a large farm there, her two sons want Mildred home to keep house for them, she bemoans her fate but feels she has to go. 25 applicants since yesterday aftn. one or two only worth looking after so far. I dare say God will send us the help needed, but it is trying to get new faces about one especially for Father. Nellie got through her Auxiallary work last week very well, all went off nicely to the general satisfaction. Did I tell you of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher calling? She has lost none of her Irish gush, she had not seen us for years and she went into the heights over Father and his good looks, kissing him again and again--there was long long talk over past days and I said, "Why don't you write a book Mrs. Fletcher?" "There now that's what the dear old Provost used to say to me, and I told bim, in the first place I'm not capable, in the next lace I should write only facts, and in the next place no one would believe that I woote the truth" They are likely to go to California this summer. Georgie Osler has been in to see us, she returned last evening, looks very well and brings good accounts of Willie who is deep in his Book, he was urged to go back to Philadelphia, and at the same time was entreated to take Harvard as head quarters but resisted both offers. I enclose Mary Dash's letter recd. on Monday by which you'll get the last news of Aunt Lizzie. Nellie has made a beginning of the House cleaning they did the roof last week and the back bedroom has to be newly papered and ceiling scraped etc.

Ed. is very much better I fancy he has gone up to see his G son who has taken very kindly to him in fact each to the other. Annie talked of running up with Mary L to see you just for one day back the next but did not say when only soon you will be overpowered if Isabel and Allen are there at the same time.

God love you and all yours

Ever dear C your loving Mother E. O.