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My dear Chattie

You will have heard of the trouble that has befallen Isabel in the loss of her fine little Baby boy from Bronchitis the first cloud that has passed over her married life. Ethel says she bears it very bravely Mrs. Meredith and Ethel were with her all the time the little lamb was ill. I'm sure you heard from Willie of the new life opening before him with a lady help at his side--he let me and Father into his secret when he was up, but we were not at liberty to make known the fact--these young things always think their love affairs are secrets to the outside world, whereas lookers-on often see things plainly enough so it may have been in this case--however I think we all feel glad at heart that there is good hope of Willie having a loving wife to care for him. When you see Grace I think you will bid her welcome as a sister-in-law, I feel quite pleased to have her as a daughter-in-law and Father is right glad that Willie is likely to have such a good life-partner; the event will make quite a stir in the family--Georgie is to be home this evening--then we shall know when her wedding is to come off--who can tell how far and wide this epidemic may spread amongst the young people. Mal may be smitten.

Arthur has just been in, the little babe is to be laid by the side of dear Marion in the cemetery--he was baptized Paul. Thanks for your nice long letter, I admire the loyal and military spirit in Campbell, of course the boys in your family have to be of that type, and good it is for the country. The W A has been going on swimmingly, the President re-elected unanimously, the session closes this evening--our care-takers have been Beatrice, Amy, Beatrice not many callers. Mr. Renison we are looking for today with his two little Motherliss girlies--I think both will be cared for in Toronto though the little one (8 years) may return with her father till after the long holidays. Norman goes round almost daily to enquire for Miss Crooks who is so far going on very well to the surprise of all her friends.

I wish I could help you in enjoying the out door gardening and the visiting the poultry how proud you are of the brood of 11 chicks, and what a blessing are the dozens of eggs.

Tell Marion that Mary Lamond brought me in some lovely wild flowers gathered by herself in Rosedale. I feel as if I would like to don an old sun-bonnet and take a lot of the little ones and go gathering the beauties myself even though I could find neither primrose nor daisies. Sun-bonnet reminds me that I have one for the benefit of M or N when there is a chance of sending it up. How much the girls must have enjoyed their drive to Galt--in these days of Rail travel a good old fashioned drive is appreciated.

Norman has been indulging in a poney-ride to Deer Park and Davisville Mary has returned home looking all the better for her trip, she and Kate from Coburg were here on Monday--Aunt has been in town at the meetings. Eglinton Church fills well, there was a concert at the Hall last week Ethel sang and Amy and B went out with her--it went off well.

Ever dear C
Your loving Mother
Ellen Osler