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My dear Chattie

If I leave my writing till afternoon Miss Joan may be my excuse for not writing so I'll hurry write a few lines to report all well, house-cleaning is on hand and there is business in the air, we are to rights and today will see all but the two down stairs rooms in order they must wait till next week. Mothers' meeting has a tea over at St. Lukes this aftn. and Nellie is making tartlets for the occasion and after going down to the Central Rooms after dinner will go over to help Aunt Louie feed the Mothers. Jennette was at an All Sts. gathering last evening packing up their Bale and finishing up with a tea. Rain yesterday was followed by a glorious morning, and "O all ye green things, bless the Lord, praise Him, and magnify Him for ever" has been in my heart. Spring-tide is most delightful even if one cannot get out to enjoy it fully. What a happy pair of girls you must have with you, and all will be so busy. Charlie looks so well and soon those two lads will be polishing up all his equipments for his camp life, and then we do hope you will arrange to be with your Mammy for a LONG visit--of course you'll be down for Trinity Sunday, and you must stay to welcome Grace and Gelrtie, and Emma Truran and May Bath and a mere day or two will not do for all that so mind what I say--do you hear? Britton and Glyn bicycle up to Collingwood today Gordon joins them tomorrow and BB goes up--but not on bicycle. Fenn went to Keugog last Saturday to see Nip who is greatly enjoying his country watery life to the city life of late years--he with some tame wild geese of Hals are happy. I hope Aylmer is not in distress for his second N. shirt, it is ready and waiting for a chance to send it. I suppose you know that Annie and the Dr. are off to Germany for three months. Georgie comes over now and then bringing her baby Barbara. I mean all being well to have a Baby-show while Grace is here. Emma Truran as far as I know has never had much if anything to do with small people and it will be a surprise to her to see the many midgets in the family. We are expecting Annie, Ellie and Mary today or perhaps not till tomorrow if they stay over a day in Balt. Alec has been pretty hard at work all this week he is off by six, and last evening home by 9--it has been later than that the rest of the week, but things will be more in order when the boats run regularly and he says he likes the work--so we do hope he will not tire at any rate for the summer. I have been writing to Grace so no more at present from

Your loving Mother

Kiss all the chicks for me (not the incubator family) but the grown ups.