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My dear Chattie

After three interruptions I will begin a wee scrap, but the enclosed will make up for my deficiencies.

Your note this morning with that of Graces' was very acceptable much as I regret that Norman did not come to Toronto I do not see how he could refuse the offer from Dr. Mussen. I do not like this drifting away from the home-land but you know the old proverb "A littleleaven etc. etc." I am glad you are having a comparatively restful time .- the girls I'm sure are enjoying their Toronto visit Revere in for a while yesterday -- the snow fall has set off the sleighs and the out-door life is brisk judging from what I see passing by. Nellie had a good mesting last night in St. James School room and the receipts for the Blackfoot Hospital were up to or rather over the mark -- she will be going up to Deer Park today Mrs. Wmson. will be a prisoner for some time to come a stiff and painful knee connot well go up and down stairs. I am so sorry for her and none of them take much if any interest in their own parish work so that is lost to her while laid up .---- We terribly miss Ethel and Joan -- I feel sorry for Edward, I am truly thankful that he keeps so well this winter. Trevor has gone off on Inspectors business for a few days he has thus far escaped the colds which are so prevalent in town. Fenn is better and went out yesterday. Ruth was to have gone to her sister who has lately been ill but the measles came uninvited to the cook thus disarranging all her plans thus far Mgt. has not taken them. the others are over them they are wide-spread in Rosedale and we look to hear of Allen and Dinah shewing symptoms.

I must try to write a line to our exile I have faile in the attempt two or three times.

With dear best love to you all

from

Your loving Mother E. <sup>O</sup>sler