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My dear Chattie

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No letter for you on Saty. last did not mean that you were forgotten I was lazy and left your girls to make amends for my negligence--they can pick up all items of news more readily than I can. Rachel would tell you that Hennie has not been quite well, she was not over here all last week and though not out these last few cold days, they say she is quite herself again. Clara, Lily, and her sister Emily were here yesterday. Now that Mrs. Williamson is laid by and Ethel gone afar off there

Now that Mrs. Williamson is laid by and Ethel gone afar off there is a lack of the ordinary in-comers. Allen is a prisoner in chains by mumps--not very bad and only on one side, all the same he has to be in doors and almost alone. Edward goes up and stays a while with him every day, he is a book-boy so fills up his time pretty well. Amy can tell you more of the Craigleigh family than I can. Hellie went off this morning on W. A. work Peterborough and sundry other places will have their meetings this week and she will not return till Friday of Saty. perhaps--thus far and then appeared Harry and Hama Osler, H staid is an hour then with Edw. went into town E has only just left and now 'tis all but dinner time a note from Georgie, all well in Phila. she regrets that Norman though in the same town is too far off to see them ofter. I see there is a letter from Ethel to her father, I sent on to you the letter I had; by this time I expect she is quite at home in the large city, I miss them dreadfully.

Ferrar was to have gone to Muskoka to spend last Sunday with Amy, he may possible be in this aftn. to tell us all about her and Carol. In Willie's last weeks letter he tells me that some one had presented Revere with a young aligator for a play-thing--worse that a pet toad or rat I should think. W. F. says that he has generally to turn down the clothes of his bed to look for slipper, comb or brush, buttnow will have to be doubly careful or may find a still more unpleasand bedfellow. My love to your small family--when the girly return I may have a parcel for the girl-family near you. Kind regards to the Parish and the priest-take care of your dear self--what a good thing you have such a nice girl in the kitchen as well as the two in the inner rooms. You will not tire yourself I hope with all the help from them. Trevor looks remarkably well Alec is not quite well he hopes to get a few days off and go to the Preston Springs.

> Your loving Mother E. Osler