

Pictou, 28 March 1857

Dr George & Anne

allow me now to give you the Com-
pletion of "Little Willie's Story,"

Willie had many months of Pain & Suffer-
ing in consequence of his fall. During
the time he was confined to his bed,
his Mama used to sit for long hours
beside him, and striving to impress on
his mind, as well as on his little Sister's
that, besides disobedience to their Parents,
and the wish to deceive, they had been
guilty of the still greater sin of forgetting
the existence of God, when they thought they
could do any thing unseen. Lina was
a remarkable sweet and gentle child &
her Mama's admonition at once made a
deep impression on her mind, but it was
by slow degrees only that Willie began to
realize the truth of the constant presence
of his Heavenly Father. Lina did not ap-
pear to be much hurt, as she was able
to leave her bed in a few days; but
the Doctors, afterwards, thought that she
must have received some pituitous su-
ffery; for she gradually dwindled & faded
away

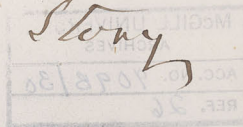
during the winter, and by the time the
Bright Spring came she was coupined to
bed; and Willie was seldom away from
her side, either repeating some pretty story,
or some sweet little hymn;

One Night she said to him, "soften lie awake
during whole hours in the Night, Willie",
"and dont you feel it very wearysome to
be alone", replied he, "Nathur. O! No,
Willie, you forget what mamma is
always telling us, that we are never
alone; and I lie and talk to God, and I
ask him to teach me to love him much
more, and to give me one of the beautiful
white Robes, washed in the Saviours Blood,
that Mamma reads about in Revelations,
and every Night, Willie, I speak a great
deal about you, and say that I am
afraid you do not always remember
that God is beside you; and I ask
God to keep you from forgetting it,
and now, Willie, dont think I shall
be long here; I'm getting so weak, that I
hope God will soon send the Holy An-
gels to take me away; and I want you
before I go to promise me, that Every
morning & night you will ask God

Earnestly - with your whole heart, Willie,
to enable you to remember that he sees and
hears you at all times. Amidst many
Sobs, Willie gave his fondly loved Sister
The Promise, and Never has he forgot
to make it one of his most Earnest
Petitions every day of his life.

Before the Glad Summer came round,
little Lina was Dying, and all her
friends gathered round her Bed to
say farewell, till the Blessed day
when they hoped all again to meet
in heaven; They had kissed her till
pale lips, and she lay so still that
they thought they would Never again
know her clear sweet hair on Earth;
but she opened her Eyes, just a few
minutes before her gentle spirit
fled; and looking fondly up at her
Brother, who was nestled close by her
side on the bed, and whose little heart
was nigh breaking with Grief - she
whispered very faintly, but clearly, "re-
member, Willie, Always, thou God, see
me!"

End of Willie's Story



I have had no Letter from any
of you for a long time, and I
have been wondering whether
you are Sick or Lazy or it may
be you have begun to forget.

Grand papa - at any rate I will
not forget you - I will shortly
send you some Flower seeds
which I hope you will save in fine
Soil and keep them clear of Weeds
and Water, then when dry weather
comes - get Miss Bell to help
you, for I will not be well pleased
if I come up in the summer and
find them all choked with
weeds as they were last year.

Love yours
Affectionately

Grandpapa

