

From his mother

Dundas April 19th. 1866

My dear Willie

I heard from Hennie that you had been there on your way to Lloydtown and I suppose that you will be journeying back to school again this week. I meant to have written yesterday and enclosed some more money but the Boulbees were here at dinner and I could not find time. I do not know exactly when the school re-opens but hope you will not be behind the right time in returning. It was an unfortunate affair that of all you boys being brought into public notice in such a disreputable manner and although I do not think it was meant to be more than a mere school boy freak, such things often tell against a person long after, and I hear many say they think it will injure the reputation of the school. We are told to do unto others as we would wish them to do unto us and if we only followed this golden rule we should be more careful not only in our outward actions to others but of our thoughts and words. We heard from Mr. Badgely the same day we had your letter last week telling us of the matter, and since then we have had the school report which on the whole was satisfactory. Could you only know my dear boy how earnestly my heart longs to see you walking in the paths of holiness you would I think strive to do well but there is One who loves you with a love far stronger than mine who gave Himself to die for you. He is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" in Him and only in Him is true peace and happiness to be found.

This warm weather is making everything start into fresh life, we have begun gardening in earnest. Papa is up every morning early at work, the things in the hotbed are growing beautifully.

Let us know about the things you get at Walkers if they suit etc. Your sisters send their love and believe me

Your ever loving Mother
Ellen Osler

Enclosed you will find \$2 and a stamp

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