

(Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin)

(Oxford) 7 AM - June 18th (1915)

Dearest Sister

foolish Maternal heart twittered. A University Convention last Tuesday - voted to give Still Glorious Sunshine but not one drop of rain And it is very dry and cold. Just suits me. I am astonished so many days have passed without my writing but - well you know - only this week has been the worst of all - I really believe - I began to watch for the Philadelphia, Saturday p.m - on account of your letter And Phoebe with her cousin Janie Graham. Did not hear Sunday afternoon And I began to feel worried but on Monday Early a wire came saying they got in late and had gone to London to sleep. They came down at 4.55 - Phoebe looking really lovely - so strong & sensible - it seems really wonderful And shows how vital it is for girls to have An object. Miss Graham was trained in the Montreal but has not nursed since. They have been up to see Donald Armour & Lady Markham and have been accepted for the Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe. Miss Graham a regular Nurse And Phoebe will go for general usefulness. She really had a lot of work at Greenwich And brought away an excellent report. So they are settled. Every day brings someone. Willie went away in the Motor with two Librarians for Sat & Sunday & was interrupted in the Middle of it & had to go to Chester for a consultation - got home late Monday night. Norman arrived Tuesday - ahead of his letter. I don't know if I told you his horse rolled on him & broke a bone in his leg - he has been laid up with that And a slight fever of some Kind. He seems quiet And rather pulled down

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Goodness what a letter. You can hardly read it - Very bestest love -

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Grace

I think you got off well with the Customs.  
Did Margaret like her coat?

Please send this letter to Therese.

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