

[Lady Osler to Mrs. Chapin]

[Oxford] Friday 16th [July, 1915]

Dearest Sister

There seems little New to write this Morning for my weekly letter. The Frank Oslers are leaving today - I think they have Enjoyed themselves He is such a dear I shouldnt mind having him always. He has survived the Cold water treatment very well - She is a continual fusser and Enough to wear any one to the bone - She is nothing but bones herself by the way. Phoebe still holds on - The new huts at Shorncliffe are held up on account of some changes ordered by the War Office in the drainage - It is a pleasure having Phoebe - She is so lovely to look at And Cheery & bright for W.O to play with. Dr. Camac is here too - he Came last Sunday on the Philadelphia And is waiting for War work. A provoking thing happened about the Harvard Unit. W.O asked the War Office to let him know when they were due - which they didnt do. Bob B- has gone - and no word came. Wednesday Dr. Alie Porter telephoned and came out for the afternoon - said they had been here a week being equipped and Dr. Beale of Paignton had said Col Osler was in France. As long as the Harvard people thought he was away - I am glad for we have been as busy as possible and the men are all strangers to us except Porter I think - he was much thrilled with Everything. They crossed yesterday - had no idea where they were going. McGill is getting grumpy a bit - owing to delays in their Establishment - Revere fishes when he has time off - We have 500 Empty beds here - Phoebe helps the Thomsons Every day with their fruits & flowers.

The Duchess de Vendome - Belgian Princess, has announced to pay a visit in Oxford to see the Belgians - She comes next Wednesday - Sleeps at Mrs MaxMullers - Wanda will stay here - The Magdalen people have a luncheon for her - And the Oslers have all the Belgians at tea in Christ Church. It is a fearful nuisance but Wanda says We cannot say no.

I am expecting Marion tomorrow for luncheon on her way from Leamington - Bob has gone to Paris. - no American Can pass through Boulogne So Revere did not see him as he hoped -

The War conditions I cant write about this week because there is nothing to say. Every one waits for news from America And the Welsh Mine Strike - It is a terribly dangerous Condition - No more

Aff<sup>ly</sup>

Grace -

*20,000 men would die*

This will do for Canton  
too please -

I am so glad Susan has got an advance in her job - it is splendid for her. - I hope Everybody encourages her -