

From Edith Campbell

To W. O.

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Dear Sir William,

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Gen. Jones they tell me only did not send me away from Taplow, but thinks like you that I should be reinstated regardless of my feelings on the subject, late as it is. I got this, not direct from him, I have never seen him or heard a word but from good authority.

It was the Committee Col. Bruce and no doubt about it Mrs. Astor. Don't think I am harping about her, I am not. I felt for a long time and so did some of my firends that she would be glad of a complete change, Colonel principally and me, because I gave her always a certain amount of opposition. I had to, she intefered in everything and everybody, and she can be very moody and nasty when she likes, quite a different person to her usual sunny self and my fusses with Mrs. Phipps were the begining of her idea. Mrs. Phipps and I could not have worked to gether this winter too ——— annoying here cease less gossip and mischief making from the Col. to the scullery boy nobody was free.

Mrs. B. M. Beford is very anxious to see you I said you were often in London I thought, and probably could spare her a few minutes of your time. She is at the Ritz. She is my

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oldest and dearest friend and went straight to Sir Robert when she got my first letter. I was very sorry when I heard it and cabled to her to do nothing more but she paid no attention to me, went ahead and its lucky for me, She did because Sir Robert Borden had a very garbled nasty account of me.

He was astonished at Mrs. Vidals appointment, as home sister and wondered who had made it, knowing as every one did in Ottawa her habits. You say you are glad to hear of the nurses support, the only evidence of that is this enclosed letter, the lovely silver vase and roses, cards from some matrons at Xmas and from many other sisters who have been under me at different times.

Some of these sisters on this very list I. Brady for instance had been a bit out of hand and gushing. not being sent home on a long sick leave, for having a slight murrur that you told her to forget, and its never bothered her since, but she evidently has changed her mind about me and knows I was just.

I saw Miss Macdonald yesterday she hopes to be able to give me No. 1 General at Staples, still a secret the best I could get will repay everything, and let the world see I can be trusted all the petty other things I will put behind me and try to forget.

I hope Col. Wylde won't be too sorry about his own matron being changed but she is to get equally good in Eng. and she has been two years in France I had a rushed visit to London 24 hours but could not stay longer just now and my business was done in two hours. Many apologies for this epistle, and when and how I am to repay you and Lady Osler, for your great help and sympathy but you both have my ever lasting gratitude.

Hoping you are getting good news of Revere, and that he is keeping well. My nieces husband Major Synott, Royal Artillery came home his wife says "covered with evils" and went back still with some and now his small son Peter has got them.

So some new French disease evidently is springing up, or it old?

With kindest regards to Lady Osler and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

Edith Campbell.