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Dearest Mary;

I am sure that you will see that Madame Jacobs gets my enclosure. I have no idea where she lives. I suppose you are still at Uplands. How well I remember a Sunday afternoon there with Revere hunting chestnuts and coming back with arms full of wonderful chrysanthemums. One talks and thinks so much of Revere's early life in Baltimore. I had a letter this morning from his old mammy who seems quite near her end. We feel quite in touch with Baltimore now as Robert and Rose Johnson are living here. He is attached to the Orthopaedic Department of our Hospital. She is working hard at various things and they seem quite happy. Tell Jacobus that yesterday Sir William had all the American doctors working here - 14 in all - at luncheon at Christ Church - and then took them to the Bodleian where the Librarian showed all the treasures and W.O. gave them a talk on Radcliffe. It was a wonderful chance for them and I am sure they appreciated it.)

We are going on as usual - we have <sup>the same</sup> had 200 Americans learning to fly here, and I have them Sunday afternoons in groups of 30 - They are most amusing and so happy to be in a home. It is a struggle but I feel we must keep at it...

The news of Dr. <sup>Malg</sup> Mallés' death has just come and is a great shock. What a loss to the Medical School! Susan Chapin is simply wonderful. She is chairman of the American Red Cross - receiving and distributing office in London and getting it well running. Already the demands are great. She is able to come home for Sundays. Mrs. Whitelaw Reid is the head of the London Branch and she finds her very nice to work with and full of energy and so wonderfully generous. We still have some Belgians left here, but many have gone to the Belgian Gov. headquarters in Havre where they have work. Our Professors' families are much attached to Oxford, I think, and very appreciative of all that has been done for them. The War one cannot write about because it would be cut out. Italy absorbs and disgusts every one now.



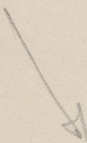
We hope Harvey Cushing will soon be over on leave. I trust some one has the copy of Revere's officers' letters to you - I can't remember if I asked to have them sent from Canton - my brain is more or less muddled.

Perhaps I have not written you since your most loving and sympathetic letter came - but you will forgive me. Every one has been so good to us. I believe we have a world wide sympathy. Tom Fitcher is so busy and faithful to his work, we cannot get him here - but he has met me in London for dinner one night - Orpington is wonderful & I think he is happy in his work.

Very much love to you both,

Affectionately,

Grace R. Osler.

We are so fortunate to know 2 Oxford nurses who are at a Casualty Clearing Station near Revere's grave and have done everything, and write me constantly. It comforts a woman's heart.