(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7. Norham Gardens, Oxford. Sunday eve. May 28th (1905)

Dearest Mother

We have had our first Sunday and are feeling very happy & not so strange as you might imagine. We have been wonderfully favored. Yesterday we got into Liverpool much earlier than was expected. One of the forwarding agents of the R R met us and forwarded most of our things - We took the immediately important things with us - We reached London at 6.15 - Marjorie went off to her friends - and we drove to the other station and caught an Oxford express having just time to telegraph as the servants thought we were not coming until today. We found everything ready - Butler at the door - Maids in the hall rooms ready & a delicious dinner. Mrs. Max-Müller has been most kind in every way. The house is comfortable - built in the late sixties I should think -In the newer part of the town - There is a little lawn with broad flower beds & shrubs and lovely trees - it looks into the Park which is lovely - Nothing could be more wonderful than the lilacs, laburnum and hawthorn. It is one huge mass - up & down every street & in every garden, hanging from the roofs. It is really wonderful.

We were up early this morning and all four went to church at 11 o'clk at Christ Church. The weather is wonderful, they say most unusual for May - so warm & clear & very dry - almost too dry for the garden - There is no vegetable garden. We found many notes of welcome and a lovely plant from Miss Acland -Willie's friend Dr ___ is just recovering from a severe illness so we have not seen them - at least I haven't - Several people have called today - those we knew before -

Reporters greeted us at Queenstown & again at Liverpool - but Willie escaped - Marjorie headed them off.

Monday Eve 29th

Another glorious day - Willie has gone to London for a dinner - We have had a busy day unpacking and getting settled a little. In the town this morning ordering note paper, cards etc - & Revere buying fishing things as usual. We lunched at the Burdon-Sandersons to meet the Schäfers who were here for the day - Miss N & Revere have been by the river all the afternoon, No tutor has materialized today which is the only failure thus far - but it is so warm it seems rough to start the boy at hard study until he is over the voyage a bit.

Tuesday 30th

This must go off to the London mail dear Mother - I have little to add today. W. O. back from London and he & Revere are off fishing this afternoon. Revere sends you a letter which is only on the absorbing topic - Love to you all -

Affly

Grace

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