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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

7, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

Sunday Eve, June 11th (1905)

Dear Mother

We have been almost cross over a rainy day, Dr. Welch came for Sunday and we wanted him to see Oxford at its best. Really the weather has been atrocious for a week - but one must not complain for the farmers need it. Dr. Rolleston of London is also here so we have quite a family. I went to London yesterday morning with Willie as I had a fitting at the tailor's - he joined Drs. Welch, Halsted and Kelly at Sargent's studio and they had their first sitting. They reported it as intensely interesting as Sargent was so worried over posing them & evidently did not think them beauties. They all met me at 1.30 & we lunched at the Carlton. A tremendous thunder storm came up and a deluge of rain. I took refuge at the Royal Academy to see Sargent's pictures - he has 6 there. A huge picture of the Duke & Duchess of Marlborough & their two little boys, perfectly stunning picture only her neck looks like a snakes. From there I went to see Mrs. Bradford & met the men at the train. The trains were packed as everyone was leaving town for the Whitsunday holiday over tomorrow. The men have to see Sargent almost every day this week. Last evening I took Marjorie to a dance which was very amusing but the men danced so atrociously Marjorie could not dance with them.

Tuesday afternoon

A day has passed without my writing - We have been at a very interesting ceremony - W.O. had to be made a doctor of medicine here - so he came up for a degree like an ordinary student. There was convocation today & several degrees conferred. We all went and it was quite impressive - Each day brings something to be done - and each afternoon I am overrun with visitors - I feel too old to start a new visiting list and it is really rather alarming. Nice letters this morning from Georgie - Norman & Billie - Yours will come tomorrow or perhaps this morning. Revere had a card from Ned and was much pleased - Everyone is delighted with Mr. Roosevelt's attitude about peace - Some cousins of the Roosevelt's live near here - Mr. & Mrs. Butterfield.

Tonight we have Miss Lois Swan & Mildred Minturn at dinner - Miss Swan is the friend of Mabel Tremaine and we knew her at Murray Bay - She and Miss Minturn sail Thursday for Quebec and go to Murray Bay. I had a nice letter from Dr. Jacobs from Paris this morning - we are having a glorious day and everyone rejoicing. Willie had another sitting yesterday - they are all delighted with Sargent. No house has turned up yet. We think of asking Mrs. M-M. to let us stay the winter here. Revere is so happy with his tutor - Mr. Allem - He comes every day at 9.45 until 12 - and no word of dislike which is a mercy - We are wild over the birds - We feed them & they are becoming very tame. No more -

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Grace.