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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

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My dear Mother

Such nice letters from you today - written on the 30th. Then the Herald full of interesting news and the Transcript - I have read them all and feel I am quite well posted in home news. I am sure Sue enjoyed all the performances for the President - What a wonderful thing about all the money pledged. I know Harry Chapin has delighted in it. When did Montgomery Sears die - I see his will in the paper?

Sallie is very anxious for you to go to Narragansett. I wonder if you will be willing to do so when the children are with Sue. I had a nice letter from Hump too - I do not know if you have her address if you ever want to write her - Derbydown - Chester Co - Pa. B. O. H[umpton] - I am so glad you like the Gilmans - I wonder if Norman was with you over the 4th I have had a nice letter from him - The girls are still here - and want to stay until the 18th making four weeks - They have been a pleasure and enjoyed it but I long to be alone - I have seen and done so much that I really want to have time to myself - but I suppose I never shall - even if I live in a forest. My last to you was written at the Pye-Smiths - They had a beautiful dinner of eighteen for us - and so pleasant because we knew many of the people. W.O. had to come down at midnight - I stayed the night & had a wretchedly hot night & very noisy - for it was opposite Claridges the swell Hotel and people were all night racketing home from a State Ball at Buckingham Palace. I came home early - it was boiling hot in London.

Agnes Eckstein & her boy & girl came on the train and I escorted them to their abode. Remembering all Therèse McCaggs kindness to us - I tried to help Agnes - I got three good servants, but the house was in such an awful condition that it will take a week to clean it. The Tafts are due tomorrow. Dr Parsons of Toronto, came for Sunday & Marjorie is back until Thursday - so we had a full house - Yesterday Willie & I lunched at Jesus College to meet Mr. Murray-Butler President of Columbia College. It was most interesting as there was luncheon in the Hall - about seventy-five people. Mr. Butler seems very charming and so good looking. I sat between two terribly learned men - I really tremble sometimes but I generally find they have some worldly topic to talk on - and always Russia & Japan. Weather & gardens are useful topics in Oxford always - Today a degree was conferred on Mr Butler and we all went - I took Will Bullit's sister Mrs. Cole who appeared here to call yesterday - and the Ecksteins. We met there a bevy of Toronto people who all came in for tea this afternoon So you see how it goes. The servants here are simply astonished - I think they had an idea we would know no one.

Tuesday 11th

Another mail day - I am having such a quiet morning - The Gwyns, Miss N- & Marjorie have gone to Stratford to spend the day - and will be away until late. It is really very warm & so sticky my glasses will not stay on my nose. Baltimore letters today - all well there. I thought the Cushings had gone to Oregon but apparently not - No more -

Your

Grace -