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(Lady Osler to Mrs. Revere)

Monday Eve July (24, 1905)
(7 Norham Gardens, Oxford)

My dear Mother

I finished my last letter on Friday evening - We got our home mail Saturday evening by the St Louis I believe - The first time we have had it before Sunday at breakfast. You always forget to tell me if you pay extra on my letters. I am afraid the two sheets may prove too heavy for one stamp, so let me know please. Yes - I get the Transcript regularly - & we have the Outlook - I am so sleepy at night I can never keep awake to read. Yesterday it looked as though we were to have a rainy Sunday but it cleared and was another fine day & today has been glorious. The drought is rather bad and some of the superb Elms are losing their leaves - The gardener here has a hose and water which is rather an unusual custom but I hope it will keep the things alive and certainly it has been a wonderful summer for us - Dr Camac is with us - the dear thing - He appeared on Saturday - Willie made him give up his lodgings and come here. He is never any trouble and a pleasure to have about. Such a funny time Saturday - Dr Camac had just come - we were having tea outside when two young men were announced, Mr Perkins & Mr Bowditch - I saw at once the Perkins was one of the Edith Perkins - They said they had seen Sue at the Club and she told them to call - Bowditch is Mrs Frank B's son - They had left their families in London and run down for Sunday. W.O trotted them about and I sent a Rhodes Scholar to look after them. I asked them for supper Sunday but they were going back. To my disgust I missed the two K——s Saturday Hettie & Mrs Diana. They left no address so I could not find them. Sunday I found Mrs Bowdoin and the girls at the Hotel. Mrs B- is heartbroken over Mr B's death and I had a sad visit. The girls and their brother came for Tea in the Garden - and met some nice Christ Church tutors who were here - It has been a pleasure seeing our friends here - The servants are simply astonished. We have just come from the river where we have been all the afternoon floating along peacefully & Revere & Mr Allenn fishing. Revere's perseverance is astonishing. He has joined the Anglers' Association & fishes in restricted waters - much to his delight - I almost forgot to tell you about Mrs Stickney - She and her mother arrived by motor on Saturday - lunched and stayed some time. Some friends came down with them to see the Colleges and she picked them up. She looked very well and attractive. The mother is a stiff-funny looking old Walthamite - not so old either. They have never been in a railway since they arrived in Italy in January - motored everywhere. Dr Camac went a week in France with them & says it was enchanting. I thought Ollie would like my having her down.

Kimber?

Tuesday Eve 25th

Such a busy day as I have had. Willie & Dr Camac went off at 10 - to the British Medical Society at Leicester to be gone three days. Soon after the cases arrived from London - all the things are stored in London at Maples - but these have been sent - we need the linen, silver and plated things - I also have the mahogany linen press - my dress & Bill's bureau - so it seems quite like greeting old friends. Men came to unpack them and we have moved furniture about & changed one room into a sitting room upstairs where the typewriter is and where we can get any sun there is going in the winter. I have worked hard all day & shall do the linen tomorrow. Dr Halsted appeared this aft. having come from London to say good bye - he sails tomorrow. He is not very enthusiastic about the Sargent portrait of W.O - says the others are all better. The list of the

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furniture was stolen out of my bag in London. I had it on my arm while crossing the street and holding up my dress - it must have opened & someone thought the paper was bank notes. I got a copy from Philadelphia in a little over two weeks so it was no matter. I wrote you I think that we are going to Cowes races on a fine yacht with Mr Johnston of Liverpool - we will come back here - pick up Revere and go to the Phipps on the 14th of August - for a week - I think after that we will stay in Scotland and not go to France - the time is too short before Revere's school begins. I am going to Paris with Willie the first week in October

Let me know if you can read my writing on this thinner paper. You can have no idea of the letters I have to write I am nearly crazy.

Goodnight

Much love - Grace